

# **The WEEKLY REPORT**

## **ANORAKS**

### **The First with the News in Print**

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The big news of the week came on Wednesday, with the publishing of the Government's green paper on sound broadcasting. Some very encouraging suggestions were contained therein, but, alas, were only suggestions, as a General Election is imminent, which could result in it all being scrapped, should another party gain power. Nevertheless, the proposals were very much a step in the right direction. We do not intend to go any further into this issue, and recommend that anyone interested further should either get the current edition of Now Radio(see below) or send for a copy of the green paper, entitled, 'Radio, Choices and Opportunities', CM92, priced at £5.00 and obtainable from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, P.O. Box 276, London SW8 5DT. Meanwhile, the DTI continue their assault on pirates and this week, further raids have once again been made. Details ahead....

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**NEW MERCHANDISE.** This week, we can offer the other half of the recent Caroline 558 set, featuring the inside of the Ross Revenge. Entitled "**Caroline 558 - The Inside Collection**", the set comprises of five colour, jumbo, glossy prints showing the bridge, the newsroom, the record library, the 50kw transmitter and the diplexer/insulator. All are recently taken pictures and of the highest quality. The cost of the set is, as before, £2.50.....**TX Radio Today** (Issue TX13). A brand spanking, new look, A4 glossy, 28 page magazine. The front cover shows Radio Nova's mast in Italy. Inside: News of the heaviest raids ever, 1986 TX chart, Starpoint's Mix Master Mac and DJC interviewed, frequency allocation, re-wind to 1983, how Laser picks the 'Hot Hits', the new RX listings guide - with news and schedules from London pirates and offshore, plus a round - up of activity throughout the U.K. - plus Newsdesk, Court Report, Backtrack, Pirate Eye and much, much more. Price, including postage and packing, £1.50.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** **NOW RADIO, Issue 21.** This current edition has been held over until the Green paper proposals were at hand, hence, a forty eight hour delay. 36 pages, many devoted to the main issue. All the other radio news covered in addition. Highly recommended. If you have never received a copy, this issue is worth checking out. Send £1 today for a sample issue, to Now Radio, P.O. Box 45, Kettering, NN16 ONW. (Please note, A-UK do not hold stocks of this magazine, it must be ordered from Kettering).....

**Caroline Movement - Thanet Branch, Newsletter No. 14.** Jenny Knight's active South East branch responsible here. News, information and ideas contained in this issue. Ring Jenny on (0843)

821112 if you wish to join their exciting branch/get the newsletter, or simply wish to know more.....**Radiotelex**, Issue 93/Vol.4. Just 4 x A5 pages of short wave news, logs and reports. You can send to us for a sample copy of this one. 40p needed, and we will send you a subscription form enabling you to obtain further issues.....**FRS Goes DX**, from FRS Holland. Issue No. 56 is now available...16 x A5 pages of news, views and information. Details from FRS Holland, Postbus - 41, 7700 AA Dedemsvaart, Holland.... Finally, **PLAY - DX**, Issue 450, from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milan, Italy.

**TAPE OFFER.** First off, we must sincerely apologise to a great number of people who are having to wait for their tapes. We must have found the most in demand tapes to offer, as we have been absolutely inundated with orders. We refuse to dub at high speed, as quality is then down. We use real time, hence the delay. Please bear with us. This week, Tape 29 is an excellent C.90 FM stereo recording of **Sunshine Radio**(Dublin), featuring the Breakfast Show with 'Nails' Mahoney. Tape 30 features a lunch time show on **Radio West**(Mullingar), with Dara Nelson, again, on FM. Both tapes are of excellent quality and, as usual, cost £2.00 each.

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**GENERAL.** "Theme Tunes". This fascinating subject has completely overwhelmed one third of A-UK (the two thirds bit say they were too young to remember!). Never was it realised that there were so many tunes and so much interest in the subject. Thanks for all the masses of info, it is being carefully scrutinised and what we intend eventually to do is have three sheets....Sheet 1 will have deejays themes only. Sheet 2 will have radio station themes. Sheet 3 will have programme themes. We intend to concentrate on sheet 1 and by the time you are reading this report, the sheet should be up-dated and available once again. Free on request, of course. We are going to attempt to list the presenter, the title, the artist, the label and the number. Any information whatsoever is welcome. Lack of space prevents too much being devoted to the subject here, but colleague, Chris Edwards (Offshore Echo's Editor) tells us that he is just as interested and intends to publish articles on the subject, once we get some comprehensive lists in print. He too, thinks a cassette of the tunes is a good idea, but at this stage, that project will have to wait, unfortunately. Thanks for all the suggestions that keep coming in, in particular to Phil, who suggests a list of deejays nicknames and a list of cliches. We could go on and on! A quick teaser for Phil....who always ended his show with 'take ker, lots of ker'? (Clue...the North, the sixties).

Finally on this subject, we are informed that Anchor Productions have produced a theme tune cassette which costs £2.00, and is entitled, 'The Ross Revenge Themes' and consists of The Fortunes, The New Riders, Overdrive and Viewpoint themes etc., etc. The cassette is of studio quality and has proved popular with those people who have received their complete sales list. For further details, write to Anchor Productions, c/o 73 Middle Mead, Hook, Hampshire, RG27 9NX.

#### **RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND.**

**DUBLIN.** We were treated to the return of Colm Hayes on Breakfast on Monday, on **Energy 103**. He was appearing for Gareth O'Callaghan, who was apparently off ill. Colm's afternoon show was presented by Derek Flood and Pat Courteney filled in for the latter, at night. On the Tuesday, Flood and Courteney, the latter referred to as 'The Flying Kiwi', exchanged slots and continued this way for the rest of the week.

A seventeen year old student has won the £200 prize for designing the new Energy 103 logo. The station hopes to implement same very shortly and we hope to reproduce the logo in a future "WR".

Competitions still feature strongly, and a delighted young lady was heard to win a Mitsubishi colour television during the Tony McKenzie programme on Friday. She was the twentieth caller in to the station, repeating 'the phrase that pays', and selected a certain envelope out of twenty four. Some contain 'booby' prizes, one contains £20,000!

Presenters noted, other than regular weekday staff, have been Alan Burns and Eamon Kelly. The station address remains....Energy 103, 144 Upper Leeson Street, Dublin 4....Tel: (01) 606703.

At **Q 102**, there seemed to be some problem with the 'Eye in the sky' on one day during the week. It could not be determined whether it was problems with the link or with poor weather conditions. The excellent service seemed back to normal the following day however. Mike Hogan, link man in the 'copter is away next week, and his place will be taken by Dave Kelly.

The station continues to sound on good form, as they say, and still boasts that they are 'the prize capital of Dublin'. They are reputed to have one of the most up to date, on air and production set ups of any station in Ireland. Sound effects and other production aids are now available to them via a very high tech, compact disc unit.

Over on the North side, **Sunshine/Hot Hits 101** are

**"I LISTEN TO THE  
...Say RED HOT SOUND OF  
SUNSHINE 101"**

Calls will be placed on a daily basis using the Dublin (01) Telephone Directory as the source. If your number is not listed in the Dublin (01) Directory, or if you want to increase your chances of winning, send a postcard to 8, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2, and start answering your phone with *The Phrase that Pays, 'I LISTEN TO THE RED HOT SOUND OF SUNSHINE 101'*

**WIN £10,000.00**

station, airing Monday evenings, 18:00 until 19:00. Treble T.R. broadcast on FM locally, 99.5MHz. and on MW, 945kHz., although the latter is now quite difficult to receive here, due to ILR testing on the same channel, for an intended relay to the Derby region.

In the Liberties area of Dublin, **LLCR(Liberties Local Community Radio)** continue on 1035kHz.AM and 104.0MHz. and 100.1MHz. Current line-up reads....07:00 Brendan Dowling. 10:00 Tommy Matthews. 14:00 Gary Connor. 17:00 Joe Harte. 19:00 Tony Christie. 22:00 Derek Hennessey. Midnight John Taylor. 02:00 Des Hogan. A very popular reggae programme can be heard each Thursday, from 21:00 until midnight. Apparently, mail for this programme is quite astonishing. Station owner, Sammy Prendergast can be heard on the air, each Friday and Saturday from midnight until 02:00. Station manager, head of production and head news reader is Tony Allan. LLCR are offering one month's free advertising, eight spots per day, seven days per week, to any firm giving a job to a young unemployed person. Local firms can now 'buy' a programme, or part of, by means of sponsorship, contact the station manager at 16 Weaver Square, Dublin 2.

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**104FM Play YOUR Music 1035AM**

**RADIO LIBERTY**  
Community news  
and information  
Sports news  
and lots of  
giveaways

Diamond Radio have now added a second transmitter on 99.1MHz, in order to extend their service area. This is in addition to their existing outlet on 106.1MHz. The sound quality from this new transmitter is also better than their original outlet. Both frequencies are transmitted in stereo.

**TRAX - FM** were noted one night during the week, with what appeared to be a loop tape, asking for advertisers to sponsor their forthcoming programmes. They were broadcasting as usual, on 88.0MHz.

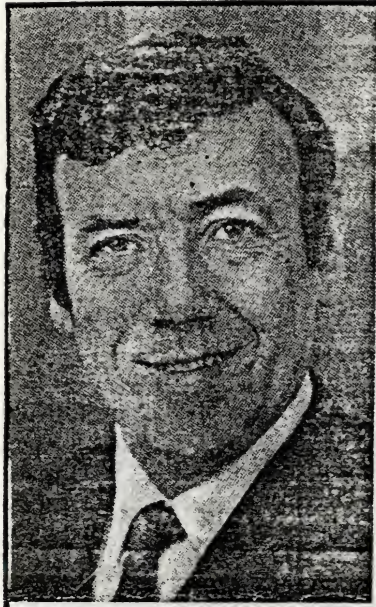
**Co. LOUTH.** The transmissions on 1125kHz. now seem to be **Radio Carousel**, once again, and the signal is coming from the Fairways Hotel, Dublin Road, Dundalk. Regular programmes from this new location, are thought to have started on Monday morning. We understand that the 1260kHz. transmissions of **Radio Carousel North** are still forthcoming, although we do have problems receiving this station due to a 'local' ILR

still advertising 'Phase 4'. 'The Voice' tells us that 'Phase 3' gave us 'Be-Bop Gold' on Sundays and a £10,000 cash call giveaway. Stand by for Phase 4 and 'the big cahoot', whatever that may mean.

Because of programme changes at **KLAS 98**, the nightly, one hour, specialist music shows have apparently been dropped. As a result, Bob Gallico has switched his big band programme, 'The Time of My Life' to **Treble T.R.**, where he feels it will continue to reach an appropriate audience. The show now starts an initial 13 week run on Jimmy Smith's very popular



station on the same channel. According to the newspaper advertisement below, it appears that Hugh Hardy's Country Call was to have returned to the air last Monday, although, we, ourselves were unable to listen at the stated time. Despite the happenings at Carousel, it now looks like there are three services in operation once again, the above two, plus Navan, on 1386kHz. As before, the stations come together for such programmes as the 'Country Call'. At the time of writing 1125kHz is once again, not on the air (Sunday lunchtime).



**HUGH HARDY**

## Back on the RADIO CAROUSEL NETWORK

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Warrenpoint 74097

**Christine**  
**Radio Carousel Navan**  
**046 28762**

Boyneside Radio have now installed a new transmitter on their main MW frequency of 1305kHz. The work was carried out during Tuesday, and a standby transmitter was used for most of the day, which resulted in a somewhat weaker signal until about 17:00. Whilst the work was being done, Ian Scott stood in on Heady Eddie's afternoon show. Co. WESTMEATH. Radio West was missing from the airwaves this morning, for a spell, resulting in the cancellation of the weekly free radio show. Apparently this was in order that work could be carried out on the main AM transmitter, on 702kHz., to bring it up to 10kw. Programmes continued on FM, however, and Don Allen presented a normal breakfast show. AM returned at about 11:15, for a spell, but power seemed about the same as it was.



Athlone Local Radio have made a comeback to the airwaves of the Midlands in recent weeks. The station is on air 24 hours per day, on 104.0MHz.FM in stereo, covering the town area, and using the original Don Allen voice-overs used previously, up until May '86, when the station closed down. Presenters include some original staff, Noel Lackey, Mad Murdoc and Ray O'Reilly, plus one or two new names. No commercials have been noted as yet and the broadcasts are coming from Connacht Street, Athlone.

The above station's return has not in any way affected Signal 102's ratings. Their recent outside broadcast for St. Valentine's Day was apparently very successful. The station is the first in the Midlands, using compact disc.

# SIGNAL 102 Stereo FM

*Setting The Pace!*

1-7 Burgess Chambers  
Church Street, Athlone  
Co. Westmeath, Ireland  
Phone:

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** Word from Israel today tells us that the station continues on air, on FM only. The line-up is more or less the same as it was in the last report. Poor weather of late has had little effect on the transmissions, we are thankfully told. The station is ready to take on new presenters, as a number are at the end of their current contracts, and anyone, with some radio experience, wishing

to further their careers, should contact us on (0253) 882017 for further details.

**LASER HOT HITS.** The line-up on Monday appeared to be the same as that of last week, apart from newsreader, Andrew Turner, who was off on holiday, we were informed. His place was taken by a completely new man, John Allen, unlike Andrew Turner, American. We heard him first at 16:00, but he may well have been on earlier, as listening has been a bit restricted, this week. Brandy Lee told us the weather was excellent, then said that John Allen wasn't feeling 100%. Despite this, he was heard however. The old cliché, "never more than a minute....." keeps cropping up. A new presenter was mentioned as being on air at breakfast time Tuesday.

As promised, the new voice on Breakfast, from North Carolina, Paul Jackson, sounding noticeably slower than the others, but just as confident. He did 06:00 till 10:00, following on from that 'familiar English voice' who presented from 05:00 till 06:00. (The aforementioned 'voice' was heard to sign off at midnight, on one occasion, as Steven Bishop!) D.L. Bogart took over at 10:00 until 14:00. Brandy Lee at 14:00 till 18:00 and John Rock n'Roll Anthony from 18:00 till close at midnight. News again was read by John Allen all day. The line-up remained thus for the remainder of the week, apart from the 'Steven Bishop' who was not heard again. The latter end of the week saw closedowns at 18:00 for 'maintenance'. A slightly different station address has been noted....Laser Hot Hits, 21st Floor, 515 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022, U.S.A.

Only one new commercial has been heard by us this week, for Mansion's Home Furnishing Centre. They have also been plugging a telephone number, which is of use for visitors looking to book into London's best hotels.

**CAROLINE 558.** On Monday, the engineering staff obviously took advantage of the good weather and despite protests from Richard Staines, switched both 558 and 963 off at 14:00 for maintenance. Richard was still heard protesting on their return at just after 16:00, this time about being disturbed from watching some 'soap' on TV. As with Laser, Caroline had the same line-up on Monday, but with good weather, a possible crew change was on the cards.

All change on Tuesday, and the first new name heard was Steve Conway on news. Nothing is known about Steve at this moment, although his accent was rather unusual, a bit like a cross between South of England and Ireland....awaiting info! The second change noted was the return of the very likeable Richard Jackson. The third change was another new man, Tim Shepherd. The full lineup was not exactly ascertained today, so it is uncertain who has taken shore leave.

No problems with the line-up on Wednesday, however....05:00 Kevin Turner. 09:00 Richard Jackson. 13:00 Jamie King. 15:00 Richard Jackson. 17:00 Jamie King. 21.00 Tim Shepherd. Tim has only just returned from the Voice of Peace, following a six month spell out there, and hardly had time to get used to land again; before he was whipped off to the southern North Sea. As can be seen by the double shifts, the staff are one member short, although three came on the ship as three left, one was a news reader only. His name of course, Steve Conway, mentioned above, who read all the daily bulletins. Taking shore leave at this time were....Rob Charles, Richards Staines and Dave Ellis. Further staff changes are possible this coming weekend.

Yet more changes were noted on Sunday morning, with the return of the popular Mark Matthews, on the mid morning show. Mark mentioned that he would be possibly back for a couple of hours, in the evening, but would certainly be hosting the Breakfast Show on Monday morning, which in itself suggests that Kevin Turner has taken shore leave, and possibly one other(Jamie King), as the extra shift by Mark means that the station are still one presenter light. The second fresh voice heard, followed on from Mark at 13:00 and he too, was called Mark(Warner). The latter has recently done a spell on the Voice of Peace, followed by a stint in Ireland, at Radio North and North West Community Radio, both located in Co. Donegal. A professional presenter of some standing, Mark is famous for his Australian accent and we feel he will soon settle in as a firm favourite here.

Over on 963, apart from Monique and Viewpoint, nothing! Although we are informed by a spokesman for the organisation, that there is a reasonable chance that Overdrive will return to the airwaves, which will suit a great number of people, as the service did provide an alternative at times when very little can be received on the medium wave band. The return of Mark Matthews may have also seen the return of Overdrive,



except that the 558 service is still short staffed, so this seems rather unlikely at this stage.

**LAND BASED STATIONS.** LIVERPOOL. Last Sunday evening, quite late, a quick scan of the FM band, with the antenna directed at Merseyside, yielded a station on 104.9MHz., although rather weakly at this location, 50 miles or more from Liverpool. A phonein was in operation, with lots of takers, but the presenter seemed loathe to ID the station, even on the hour. Further reports do mention these transmissions, but they too, failed to identify same. Today, after lunch, further transmissions were noted on 105.2MHz., with a very strong signal, again without any identification, until right at the end of the transmissions, at 17:40, when the presenter quickly mentioned **CDFM** with test transmissions, twice, within a matter of minutes! Directly next to this, on 105.3MHz., was yet another station, which was much weaker, and somewhat distorted at this distance. This station remained unidentified, however.

Apart from the above two, only **Radio Merseywaves** have been noted this weekend, as usual, on 1242kHz., with a very strong signal. Transmissions were as normal, commencing at 08:00 on Friday, and running until the early hours of Tuesday morning. Some staff change arounds were noted, but no major alterations. Station owner, Burt Williams, was noted with his Oldies Show on Sunday afternoon at 15:00, although he was experiencing some audio problems. He was trying some echo on the audio, but at times, it was so much that the sound became very muddled.

Word from Radio Julie reaches us....."With regard to the recent raid, which took place at 19:50 on Sunday 15th February 1987, by six officials from the DTI, including the infamous 'Gordon Yates', they confiscated: the aerial, transmitter, RF amplifier, stereo encoder, 2 x radio cassette players, amplifier, two speakers, 2 x record players, 2 x tape decks, mixer, echo unit, graphic equaliser, microphone and a large haul of records and tapes. They also tried to take the television which was connected to the amplifier! Radio Julie used to have the deejays on tape (last year), but since the station returned, all the lads have had to do their shows live. We hope to return within the next four weeks, on low power, on 104.8MHz.FM, mono, and also on 1344kHz.(221m.).

The court case concerning the raid last August, was at 10:00, on 24th February, and was immediately adjourned to 7th April next, possibly because they wish to have the recent raid in court on that day too. This forthcoming case will commence at 09:00 at Birkenhead Magistrates Court.

The only deejay in the location at the time of the raid, was station engineer, Andy Davies. The actual deejay, on air at the time, was 'Coalie', who left the studio before the DTI entered".

Finally, a few snippets.....Mersey FM were apparently raided last Thursday but one.....Noted last weekend, **WFM**, on 103.4MHz., **CDFM(?)**, **Radio Merseyland**, on 1395kHz., **Liverpool Pirate Radio**, on 1395kHz., **Radio Veronica**, on 104.8MHz. and **Supreme Radio** on 106MHz. During the week, on Tuesday, **LPR** were heard for a short while on 1404kHz.

**MANCHESTER.** Since last weekend, there have been no reports of Radio Rag being heard. However, another station is reported to be on the air, on Friday nights, on 92MHz., called **Sunshine FM**.

**GLASGOW.** **Radio Mercury** made their regular Sunday afternoon appearance a little late this week, around 14:10, on 97.6MHz. The signal this week was reported as being lower than the last few broadcasts.

**YORKSHIRE AREA.** In Leeds, the only station heard this week, has been **Music City Radio**, on 90.3MHz, in stereo. They are on the air every night, with extended hours at the weekend. **ABCFM** have not been heard at all this week, since last Monday, when a blank carrier was heard on 94.6MHz. Over in Bradford, **Radio Veronica** were heard on Monday afternoon, with much reduced signal strength. They announced that problems with the p.s.u., had caused them to turn the power down to about 35 watts. Over in Scunthorpe, **W.L.N.G.** was heard on the air on Tuesday night, on a frequency of 104.9MHz. This station seems to get out well, as we have reports of it being heard in both Rotherham and Leeds. **Music Weekend Radio** returned last Saturday night, in the Sheffield area, on 105MHz. This seems to be the station which caused some confusion some while back, calling itself **WMR**. They now appear to have new jingles and promos for the new name.

**THE MIDLANDS.** Little to report from this area, apart from

**PCRL** being heard every day on 103.5MHz.

**LONDON.** Nothing startling to report this week, with just the following stations being heard. **RJR** on 89.8MHz, **Rock to Rock** on 90.0MHz, **TKO** on 90.9MHz, **LWR** on 92.0MHz, **Solar Radio** on 93.0MHz, and **Twilight Radio** on 94.0MHz. The previous stations all offer a variation in the soul/funk/reggae format. The only stations to differ from this have been two foreign language stations, **London Greek Radio**, on 105.0MHz, and one on 104.5MHz relaying a church service. **RFM** seems to be the only station around the city, to offer the listeners a rock format. They are heard from around 14:00, on a Sunday afternoon, until late, on 90.2MHz.

**THE SOUTH COAST.** The **Radio Orion** court case was held at Hailsham Magistrates court, at 10:00, on 24th February. The court was packed with the entire **ABC Radio** (Eastbourne) team, and they saw the **Orion** operator being fined £160, including costs. All the equipment was also ordered to be confiscated. **ABC Radio** itself, is still active each week, on 105.3MHz, and also has its **Roadshow Disco** each Thursday at the **Drovers Pub**, in Eastbourne. **Radio Atlantis** returned to the air last Sunday, 22nd February on 105MHz at 19:00. After only 90 minutes, they were raided at 20:30. Apparently, the equipment was set up on time switch, enabling the operators to leave the site, and so the DTI took all the gear, and left a receipt pinned to a nearby tree! **Radio Sovereign**, who broadcast on 105MHz, are still off the air, following their recent raid. The court case is due to be heard on 17th March.

#### **SHORT WAVE STATIONS.**

Yet again, we start with bad news....At approximately 11:20 on Tuesday last, **Radio Orion** were raided by 7 members of the DTI, along with a police constable. The usual transmitting gear and cassette machine was taken, plus with some items not involved in the broadcasts. The 'visitors' were not particularly pleasant, we understand, and came fully armed with the appropriate warrants. The operators fully intend seeking legal advice in order to retrieve items unlawfully taken. The station had only just celebrated one year on the air and although it broadcast seven days per week, it was generally thought within the station, that the weekend broadcasts were the only ones widely listened to. They hope to return, but only on Sunday mornings in future. We, at A-UK, wish them all the best in their free radio fight.

#### **Today's Log.....**

6206kHz...**POGO** 104, at 09:48gmt.  
6206kHz...**RADIO DELMARE**, at 10:07gmt.  
6206kHz...**RADIO SCORPIO**, at 10:10gmt.  
6218kHz...**BRITAIN RADIO INT.**, at 11:50gmt.  
6220kHz...**UNID.**, at 09:40gmt.  
6225kHz...**WMR (QSO)**, at 14:02gmt.  
6225kHz...**RADIO PAMELA**, at 12:11gmt.  
6230kHz...**RADIO EAST COAST COMM.**, at 11:04gmt.  
6261kHz...**RIVERSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 09:02gmt.  
6261kHz...**RADIO SOUNDS INT.**, at 11:30gmt.  
6261kHz...**RADIO SKYWAVE INT.**, at 12:00gmt.  
6267kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 09:26gmt.  
6274kHz...**RADIO STELLA**, at 10:05gmt.  
6280kHz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 11:46gmt.  
6280kHz...**RADIO TUTENCHAMUN**, at 09:35gmt.  
6285kHz...**WLR**, at 13:30gmt.  
6293kHz...**P.F.B.S.**, at 10:23gmt.  
6293kHz...**RADIO APOLLO**, at 10:58gmt.  
6297kHz...**RADIO NOVA (BELGIUM)**, at 10:16gmt.  
6300kHz...**RADIO MORMAAL**, at 10:12gmt.  
6305kHz...**RIVERSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 13:08gmt.  
6310kHz...**RADIO IRELAND INT.**, at 12:58gmt.  
6315kHz...**UNID.**, at 10:45gmt.  
6330kHz...**UNID.**, at 10:58gmt.  
6910kHz...**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 10:35gmt.  
6910kHz...**WORLD MUSIC RADIO**, at 12.25gmt.

Conditions today, were little better than last Sunday, with only the long distance stations being received, here in Blackpool. Logs in bold, as usual, were heard by us, and others were kindly telephoned in by listeners in Yorkshire, the Midlands, Kent and Blackpool.

**Radio Delmare** mentioned that they would be on the air all day, this coming Friday.

**Prince Terry** of **Westside Radio** mentioned that he had carried out an early morning transmission between 07:10 and 08:30 on 11463kHz. We have no reports of it being heard as yet, although skip conditions were very long, so the signal probably went far and wide, and skipped across Europe.

On Saturday 28th February, only **Radio Orion** were heard conducting a test at 15:21gmt, on 6266kHz.

No others were reported heard at all, on this day.



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We were delighted to receive Jaybee News in the week, and pleased to note that the forthcoming Caroline Movement Convention looks set to take place on Saturday 15th August 1987. The event is to mark the anniversary of the passing of the Marine etc., Broadcasting Offences Act in August 1967. This convention, although still some time away, is set to be held in central London. It looks certain to be a tremendous success and enquiries are already pouring in to the CM office, we understand. Further details can be obtained from the usual CM address, or possibly better still, from the Jaybee News address (see below). This will be the event of 1987, don't miss out on it, you may regret it. (P.S. The whole A-UK team will be there!).

Many thanks to everyone, as always, for continuing to send in news, information, cuttings, photographs etc., etc. We are delighted to have so many friends out there, only too keen to assist us in keeping Weekly Report 'first with the news, in print'. Irish correspondents/station owners are asked to let us have any 'flyers' (A5 advertising sheets), currently available. These reduce nicely and fit into a column, giving others far away, chance to see them.

HOW MUCH DOES **WEEKLY REPORT** COST?, someone was heard to ask, on air. **Weekly Report** (along with at least one x B4 sheet of newspaper cuttings) is posted every Sunday evening, and costs just 30p, posted second class (within the U.K.), posted first class in the U.K., also posted to EEC countries and Eire, the cost is 35p. To non - EEC countries (Sweden, Finland, Switzerland etc.), the cost is 40p, and posted anywhere else, the cost is 50p (via Air Mail) per week. Anyone can subscribe for as many weeks as they wish.

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** Apologies first off, for a slight delay with the prints offered last week, "Caroline 558 - The Inside Collection". All orders should be despatched by Tuesday (10th), at the latest. Speaking about delays, we received a telephone call from a subscriber who thanked us for the merchandise list he had just received, posted (and duly franked) in Blackpool, November 1984!!!!.....The December/January **PIN Magazine Shortwave Free Radio Station Frequency and Address List** is now available. This is a 4 page booklet listing all the free radio stations, along with mailing addresses, in frequency order, which have been heard in those two months. Cost is 50p for a single issue (from ourselves). Subscriptions only via PIN Magazine, P.O. Box 22 03 42, D-5600 Wuppertal 22, West Germany ..... The February edition (No. 14), of **Wavelength** is now in stock, and features 20 x A5 pages of news and interviews from both the offshore and land-based radio scene in Europe. Due to increased printing costs, the magazine is now priced at 75p, which includes postage and packing.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** Issue No. 451 of the weekly **PLAY - DX**, contains six x A4 pages of some of the latest DX catches, along with other DX news and schedules. Information from Dario Monferini, v.Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy ..... Edition 11 of **Jaybee News**, arrived here this morning, and gives a fairly detailed resume of the return of Laser Hot Hits, from December to mid-February. This occasional publication can be obtained for an s.a.e. plus 10p (an s.a.e. only for CM members), from Jaybee News, 23 Grove Road, Grays, Essex RM17 6JY.

**TAPE OFFER.** This week, we are offering as Tape 31, a studio recording of an Ad Roberts

show on **Radio Monique**. This tape was recorded in the Monique studio, during February, and is 90 minutes long. Tape 32 features, what seems to be the only rock station broadcasting in London, **RFM**. This is another C-90 cassette, made last weekend, and as the previous offer, is only in mono, but of very good quality. As with all previous offers, the price is £2.00, per cassette. All past tapes offered in this column, are still available (30 plus, so far), and a list can be sent on request.

**GENERAL.** We seem to be in-undated with in-depth stories and articles on free radio. In the absence of certain magazines who would normally use these features, we are considering an occasional magazine which would feature little or no news, but lots of features and stories to do with free radio. Current magazines are not able to use this type of material, as they deal almost solely with Offshore stations. A4 size would be the format and a glossy stiff cover would be considered, as would a colour centre spread, although the latter may be more wishful thinking than anything else. The price would be in line with similar mags, but we would make sure that good value was given, by including many pages. Advertising would be accepted, in fact, we would be looking for major advertisers for the inside front, inside back and back pages (to pay for the glossy bit!). Any comments or suggestions, anyone??

The RNLI Appeal is now closed. We have forwarded to the above organisation the sum of £115.00. We should like to thank everyone for their support. We will print the receipt for this donation in a future edition, once we receive same.

The Theme Tunes: We have now compiled a list of over 125 titles, although information is still pouring in daily. We shall not send every



subscriber a list, as we realise that this topic does not interest everyone. However, if you requested a list and we missed you out, drop us another line or call (0253) 882017 and we will send one free of charge. People who sent in information should all get a copy, possibly later this week. Further information is welcome. Answer to last week's teaser.... Mike Ahern always ended his show with 'take ker, lots of ker'. (Well done Phil!). Themes used by Bert Bennett on Mi Amigo.... "Joy" by Apollo 100 on Young Blood Records YB1034..... "The Spirit Is Willing" by The Hands of Dr. Teleny on RCA 2163.

It now seems unlikely that we shall be able to offer a cassette tape of theme tunes. However, a number of subscribers have informed us that they have such tapes for sale, in fact, we mentioned one in last week's report.

**FOR SALE.** "Soul Coaxing" by Raymond Lefevre....offers in writing please..... Also, I can offer many D.J / radio station themes, on cassette, highest quality....write, requesting further details, to T.P. Joyes, 47 Sanctuary Close, St. Johns, Worcester WR2 5PY.

**ADVERT.** Post Office box available for radio station use..... Telephone (0795) 511041 and ask for Mark.

**WANTED.** "20 Years Of British Pop Charts, 1956 - 1976. A reasonable price paid for a good condition copy....Contact Chris Ridley, 66 St. Brigid's Place, Sligo, Eire.

**WANTED.** Someone to make inexpensive jingles for small station operators, who cannot afford to pay the prices charged by the professional organisations...contact P.O. Box 539 with details.

**OFFER.** I have some new mini stickers available, once again. If you would like 20 Radio Caroline and 20 Radio Laser, simply send me a self addressed, stamped envelope....I.H. Howard, 24 Main Road, Gedney, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE12 0AA.

**CONTACTS GALORE.** I wish to exchange tape recordings of Irish, English and offshore pirate stations, ILR and U.S. stations, jingle packages and promotional material, including stickers.... Chris Ridley, 66 St. Brigid's Place, Sligo, Eire.

#### **RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND.**

**DUBLIN.** We were rather surprised to hear Energy 103 newsreader, Michael Lewis, reading the news on RTE Radio 2 during the week. We assume he has now left Energy and are quite surprised that RTE have used him so quickly, as they normally have a 'cooling off' period, so to speak. We have only noted George Long, Sybil Fennell and Tina Gates on Energy news, so, assume a replacement is being sought.

As reported last week, Dave Kelly was noted on Q 102's 'Eye In The Sky' early morning motoring service, in place of the 'holidaying in Boston', Mike Hogan.

**Co. LOUTH.** The Radio Carousel transmitter, which was re-introduced last week, on 1125kHz, had a few problems during the early part of this week, with modulation problems on Monday, and no audio at all on Tuesday. The audio returned on Wednesday, and we were able to listen to Hugh Hardy on his popular Country Call, on which his theme that particular day, was what everyone had given up for Lent. The transmitter seems to have behaved itself since then, and programmes have been clearly audible. The 1260kHz outlet, also seems to have improved somewhat during the latter half of the week. We understand from reports, that, so far, no separate service has been noted on 1125.

The relay from Boyneside Radio, on 1332kHz, seemed to be suffering from a faulty link during most of the week, as only a lot of noise was noted on this channel. Normal programming was heard once again when we tuned in on Friday.



## **BOYNESIDE RADIO**

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**Co. WESTMEATH.** Following last week's comments, that the signal from Radio West on 702kHz, had not improved after its time off air on Sunday, when we tuned in again on Tuesday, the signal had greatly improved, and we were able to listen, until after dark with no problems. We also noticed, that the 'growling' noise, which had been apparent since the move from 765kHz to 702 kHz, during darkness,

had disappeared, making the audio even pleasant to listen to at times of great continental interference. According to comments on the free radio show, today, presented solely by station owner, Sean Coyne, the transmitter is now putting out about 9½/10kw. The station is running a new Holiday competition, which is apparently in conjunction with a car visor competition, already being held.

# **NEWSFLASH**

## **From Radio West Nationwide**

Radio West is pleased to announce the extension of its broadcast coverage to now include the greater mainland area of Ireland.

With the change of frequency from 765 KHz to 702 KHz on Medium Wave, and an increase in power out put, medium wave now provides saturation coverage over 22 counties including the major metropolitan areas.

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During 1987 West National Radio will further develop its programming policy to fall between RTE 1 and RTE 2, a wide range which is not currently served by the State Broadcasting Network.

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In addition to the programmes, Radio West also carries other extremely popular items. The Helpline, the morning obituaries, the property listings, and Regional Reports.

This year West National Radio will provide the most comprehensive and carefully constructed programming schedule available Nationwide, relevant to both the rural and metropolitan audience.

Advertising Line: Michael Tiernan 044 - 42153

**Co. WICKLOW.** After yet more problems during the week, WLCB now seem to be back on course with their transmissions from Wicklow itself, on 1602kHz. The signal is once again, loud and clear, here in Blackpool. We understand, not being able to receive their FM transmissions, that this parallel local service, continues unaffected.

Thanks to a report from Arklow Community Radio, South of Wicklow, we understand that the station continues normally. We do experience problems here, with a massive signal from Erneside Community Radio in County Cavan on 1251kHz. Also, we understand that in some areas of the U.K., Centre Radio from Clonmel in County Tipperary can be heard clearly, even during the daylight hours on this same channel. ACR broadcast from 77A Lower Main Street, Arklow, Co. Wicklow...Tel: (0402) 39728. Announcing 239m MW and 99.2MHz.FM, the station broadcasts seven days a week, from 09:00 until 19:00. The Managing Director is Mr T. Hickson and Technical Manager, Mr L. Garrett.

## **ARKLOW COMMUNITY RADIO**

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**Co. SLIGO.** The latest report out of Sligo town tells us that West Coast Radio are, or have been, off air since the end of February, despite being heard regularly since late December. Apparently, no adverts have ever been noted and whether this fact, or technical problems, have forced them off, is uncertain at present, although, the aerial is still standing above their occupied studios in 5 High Street.

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** No reports from this area at hand.  
**m.v. NANNELL.** Still no further word of any developments.



**CAROLINE.** Despite the change in staff last Sunday, the station has remained short of D.J.'s throughout the week. We can now confirm that Kevin Turner and Jamie King are on shore leave. This we were unsure of, last Sunday, as the changes had just occurred. As promised by Mark Matthews last weekend, he appeared, to host the breakfast show on Monday morning, although he was apparently one hour late, due to nobody waking him up. He was on time on Tuesday however, after sleeping in the record library, and subsequently being woken up by all the records landing on his head, due to the ship rocking in the rough seas. Mark continued to host breakfast, throughout the week. He promised to bring back the Dutch lessons, but this time they would be a bit more difficult, so he said he was renaming them, 'advanced Dutch lessons'. The staff shortage, lead those on board to have rather a strange shift arrangement, resulting in the following line-up...05:00 Mark Matthews...11:00 Richard Jackson...13:00 Mark Warner...17:00 Richard Jackson...21:00 Tim Shepherd. On Friday, Richard mentioned that Raffles currently had a thing about eggs, and to stop him raiding the eggbox, a crate of Coke had been placed on the lid. This failed however, and he simply ate through the side of the box. Also on Friday, during Mark Warner's programme, it appeared as if there was a 'Beach Party' in the offing. Mark was mentioning plenty of food and drink was passing its way through the studio. We doubt whether the temperature outside, on the back deck was high enough to hold the party outside however. Although the station continued to operate only a 20 hour day, closing transmissions at 01:00 during the week, from announcements heard during Saturday, it appeared that 24 hour operations had resumed at the weekend, with Steve Conway filling in the time in the early hours, between 01:00 and 05:00. All the news bulletins this week, have been hosted by 'resident newsreader' Steve Conway.

Only two new promotions have been heard the past couple of weeks. The first being for another Brighton Record Fair, which is due to be held today. The second was for the return of the Caroline Rock Show, which was gigging at the Bury St. Edmunds Corn Exchange, last Saturday, 7th March.

Richard Staines, who just finished a five week stint on board the Ross Revenge, has now left the U.K. to join his family in the United States. We feel sure that with all his radio experience, he will have no difficulty in finding work on a radio station there.

Finally, we have received a report, that since the Optimod unit was introduced on 558kHz, resulting in much wider sidebands, both RTE and BRT have lodged official complaints to the British Government, about interference to their signals. RTE is only on the next channel (9kHz away), and some splashing in the London area can only be expected when the station (RTE) is 400 miles away. However the BRT transmitter (less than 150 miles away), is on 540kHz (2 channels/18kHz away), and anyone listening to BRT on the Belgian coastline should be free of any problems from Caroline. The slightest splatter, could of course give the authorities a chance to bring their favourite phrase out of moth balls, once again, which is : 'it is possible for unlicensed stations to cause interference'.

**LASER HOT HITS.** In last weeks report, we forgot to mention the joint programmes, at the weekend, from John Anthony and Brandy Lee (due to early closedowns at 18:00). The programming was quite humorous, and on Saturday the crew were playing tag (tig), all around the ship. On Sunday, Brandy and John described each other and the rest of the crew, both seriously, and poking fun at each other. Apparently, John Allen is the eldest, at 30, John Anthony is 22, and sports a moustache, and Andrew Turner is 21 and six feet tall. John also said, that Brandy does a lot of jobs, including cooking, cleaning, and has cute cheeks! After a period with fairly regular programming, the station began to suffer problems on Monday morning, as the seas built up to a rough state. As happened a couple of weeks ago, the temporary aerial system, which is only about 70 feet above the deck at its highest point, began arcing as the waves broke across the deck. This resulted in the transmitter tripping out. Problems became more and more apparent, until the station had to sign off. This occurred just around 10:50, as the tripping out had become so regular, it could have caused damage to the transmitter, had everything been left switched on. D.L. Bogart closed, saying that normal service would be resumed as soon as possible. On listening to Radio Caroline later in the day, it was apparent that a severe North Easterly gale was blowing down the Knock Deep, causing the seas

to be very rough. 576kHz. remained silent for the rest of Monday, and all day Tuesday, but Laser returned to the air on Wednesday morning, with Paul Jackson saying that the rough weather had caused the ship to leak. The station carried on until midnight, with the same lineup as before (times approximate)...06:00 Paul Jackson...10:00 D.L. Bogart...14:00 Brandy Lee...18:00 John 'Rock n'Roll' Anthony. There was severe continental interference on Wednesday, making the station virtually inaudible, here, for most of the day, although the power seemed to be the same as last week. The news continues to be read 'up to the hour', all day, by John Allen. On Saturday morning, the station signed on late, at around 09:00 and Paul Jackson was heard from this time, up until 13:00. Paul gave good coverage to the ferry disaster, which occurred just outside Zeebrugge, the previous night. He also mentioned, at around 12:28 that they were moving through the North Sea, and proceeded to play a relevant record. We assume, that they were attempting to ride out the rough seas, which was obviously one of the reasons why D.L. Bogart did not appear for his show. Brandy Lee took over straight away from Paul, at 13:00 and the station apparently signed off at 18:00, although this was not heard here. On Sunday, sign - on was again late (they were not noted by 09:10), and a new voice was heard hosting up until 14:00. His name was Jim Perry. John Rock n'Roll did his usual Elvis spot at 14:00, followed at 14:30 by Brandy Lee. We thus assume that D.L. Bogart has taken shore leave, as he has not been heard since Friday.

The only new promotion we have heard this week, is for the 'Laser Hot Hits Best Disco in Town'. This was due to have a gig at Shaftesbury's, in London, on Friday 5th March. Plenty of mentions have, however, been given this week, to the up and coming Communicator Club Ski Plan Holiday. **LAND-BASED STATIONS.** (When writing to any British stations, please DO NOT WRITE ANY STATION NAMES ON ENVELOPES, simply initials, or a presenter's name This is important).

**MERSEYSIDE.** Radio Julie made a surprise appearance on our radios this weekend, here in Blackpool, although they have of course, been audible in Liverpool for some weeks now. Their signal was noted with good strength all day on Saturday, and into the nighttime too, and again on Sunday, on 104.8MHz. The signal was just not quite good enough to give complete hiss free stereo reception, however. This is the first time we have really been able to receive them with a continuous listenable signal, and surprisingly the power being used was only 18 watts. Considering they announced that only one record deck was in operation, the programming sounded very competent. Also announced were some new car stickers, available to listeners. The fact that the signal was not over deviating, as occurs with so many stations these days, was quite noticeable and pleasant. They were heard to announce 'the biggest on FM from Liverpool' which is no doubt true, although possibly they were the only ones on air on Saturday, at that time. The following address was given out.... 'Casita', 78 Barnston Road, Thingwall, Wirral, Merseyside L61 7XW.

On medium wave, old friends, Radio Merseywaves duly appeared on time, 08:00 on Friday, to commence another weekend marathon. The signal has been particularly good this weekend with no loss of signal at dusk, either due to extra power at the transmitter end, or better conditions reception - wise, or a combination of both. We may start having to refer to the area as others do, namely Merseyside, as we came in for a bit of 'stick' (only in fun, of course) for saying Liverpool, when it should of been another area. So, from now on, it is Merseyside! The station lost a presenter this weekend, when Tara presented her final shows, before moving elsewhere to live. This is a shame, as Tara was the only girl on the air. Another presenter mentioned that he too, may have to leave. Mad Mike, who is famous for his soul oldies, said he had got another job which would prevent him from doing his regular shows in future. This, too, is a pity, as Mike brought a complete change of music to the station (except when he played Bobby Goldsboro records!!! Yuk!). Station owner, Burt Williams, in his Sunday 'session' last week, said that if the DTI raided the station again, he would put it on seven days a week! Reception on 1242kHz. is reported over a very wide area, and correspondents in Southern Scotland, Yorkshire and the Midlands are regular listeners, we understand. Station address.... 9 Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW.

An improved signal on 1397kHz. this morning, playing old Laser 558 tapes, identified after lunch as Radio Merseyland.



A weaker signal on 1404kHz., turned out to be **Liverpool Pirate Radio**, again, heard here around lunchtime, with Phil Davies

Other stations mentioned in Tim Jackson's report for last week, included two unidentified ones on 104.3MHz. (thought to be Concept Radio) and 105.8MHz. (thought to be Slag - Off International), both heard last Sunday. Also mentioned via a third source, was a station on 107.0MHz., which had relayed an ILR station for a spell. This was thought to be Halewood Community Radio, who are due on the air at Easter. Finally, Leslie tells us that last Sunday, he logged **W.F.M.** from Widnes, on 103.4MHz., at 12:00, and **Radio Veronica** on 104.7MHz., at 15:00, with operator, Neil Frazer stating that he was still looking for a transmitter and studio location. Their address was, as usual, 81 Lark Lane, Liverpool L17 8UP.

**YORKSHIRE/HUMBERSIDE.** **W.L.N.G.**, from Scunthorpe, was once again logged on Tuesday night, on 104.9MHz. This time we had it reported by a subscriber in Derbyshire, and although the signal was weak there, the signal certainly seems to be getting out well. An address read out was Media Promotions, P.O. Box 32, Scunthorpe. The station was also logged again in Leeds on Thursday night. Action by the authorities seems to be occurring to stop the stations in the Leeds area. **Music City Radio**, was not heard all week, until Friday night, on 90.3MHz. When they did make it onto the air, they were asking listeners to write in with letters of support, following pressure from the authorities to close them down. They were also heard on the air on Saturday. No other station has been heard from the city this week. Over in Bradford, **Radio Veronica** were heard during the week and on Saturday night, on 104.9MHz, but still on reduced power.

**GLASGOW.** **Radio Mercury** commenced its normal Sunday broadcasts at 14:00 today. The frequency was slightly down at 97.5MHz., which was the channel actually being announced. They were broadcasting in stereo. The lower signal mentioned last week was due to a different site being used. As from next week, the programmes will be extended by two hours, one hour of which will probably be hosted by news - reader Mike Jones. **Neon Radio** were also noted last Tuesday, in the same area, with test transmissions on 96.8MHz. and again on Thursday, on 97.7, drifting down to 97.45MHz.

**THE MIDLANDS.** According to a report on local television, last Friday, **Radio PCRL** were raided towards the end of the week. The report said that the DTI took everything in the studio, as well as the transmitter. It was not clear whether any personnel were arrested. The station, however, was back on air, on Saturday afternoon, on 103.5MHz. A station called **Soul City Radio** was also heard today on 103.3MHz., signing off at 13:00gmt. This station was also heard last Sunday, it is reported.

**LONDON.** A few stations which were on the air in the Greater London area last weekend, and which we only received information about in the last few days, were, **Community Development Radio (C.D.R.)** on 88.7MHz, **Radio Duck** on 89.9MHz, **Network 21** on 89.6MHz, **Quest FM** on 90.1MHz, **People's Choice Radio (PCR)** on 103.25MHz, **Time FM** on 103.7MHz, and **JBC** on 104.7MHz. Stuart in Swansea reports that he heard four Greek stations when in London last weekend, on 88.35, 104.7, 104.95 and 106.0MHz. He also logged a Turkish/Arabic station on 1611kHz. The latter was reported by other loggers. A station calling itself **AOR Radio** was heard on 21st/22nd February on 97.85MHz, but has not been reported since, by any of our correspondents. At a recent CM branch meeting, two further stations were mentioned, as being received, they were... **Badger** on 90.8MHz. and **Vicky 105**.

Today in the London area, **Community Development Radio** on 88.6MHz., **RJR**, on 89.9MHz., **TKO** on 90.9MHz., **LWR** on 92.0MHz. and **Solar Radio** on 92.0MHz., **Time Radio** on 103.7MHz. and **JBC** on 104.7MHz. London Greek Radio are reported as not heard for the past few days.

**ESSEX.** **Sunshine Radio** went off the air early last Sunday, due to a suspicious vehicle sitting outside their premises. They hope to be back on the air this weekend, from a new location, on their usual frequency of 90.8MHz. The address to contact the station is P.O. Box 539, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex SS0 7DQ. **Power 105**, who were raided a few weeks ago in Pitsea, returned to the air last Sunday, only to switch off again when the news of activity in the area reached them.

**THE SOUTH COAST.** A station calling itself **Southdown Radio**, was heard testing on Wednesday evening at

approximately 20:20. The signal was very strong over Eastbourne, and the rest of East Sussex. The frequency to watch out for here, is 105.6MHz, and the address was given as S.D.R., P.O. Box 629, Eastbourne, East Sussex. **Radio Veronica**, who keep appearing on 105.3MHz on Sunday evenings, when ABC Radio is not on the air, are reported to be going on the air today, with 60 watts of power. Their address is apparently the same as the one for S.D.R.

**FOREIGN.** Several readers report hearing **Radio Delta** on Saturday nights, from Holland, on 1610kHz. This station, the shortwave station, Superclan, and a Monique deejay, are all thought to be connected. Apparently, Delta is regarded as one of the better Dutch pirates.

#### **SHORT WAVE STATIONS. Today's Log.**

6206kHz....**RADIO MARABU**, at 10:35gmt.

6206kHz....**RADIO SCORPIO**, at 12:04gmt.

6240kHz....**SPECTRUM L.C.**, at 12:00gmt.

6261kHz....**UNID.**, at 11:35gmt.

6266kHz....**RADIO ORION**, at 13:00gmt.

6270kHz....**W.L.R.**, at 10:28gmt.

6280kHz....**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 12:15gmt.

6310kHz....**UNID.**, at 11:35gmt.

7315kHz....**UNID.**, at 11:02gmt.

7370kHz....**RADIO AQUARIUS**, at 10:31gmt.

7375kHz....**RADIO WAVES INT.**, at 11:30gmt.

7385kHz....**UNID.**, at 10:34gmt.

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Conditions today were atrocious, as can be seen by the above log. One reporter even rang in to say he thought his receiver had packed up!

The 6261kHz. unidentified sounded Italian, one logger stated. He also thought there was a further station on 6263kHz. at the same time. The unidentified on 6310kHz. carried a relay of Energy 103 at 11:06gmt., suggesting that it may well have been Radio Ireland. The unidentified on 7315kHz.,

was giving out the Dedemsvaart address. The unidentified on 7385kHz. was noted playing several Beatles records, and appeared to be of European origin.

Only one change from last week's log, and this comes from Podney, who heard Radio Omega on 6273kHz, at 10:08gmt. Our logger last week, identified it as Radio Stella, as did a report in during the week from SSM. Can anyone else confirm either of these? Radio C.L.C.G., was also reported as being relayed by Radio Delmare between 16:00 and 17:00gmt.

#### **Logs for Saturday 7th March 1987.**

6206kHz...**RADIO CALIFORNIA**, at 11:54gmt.

6206kHz...**RADIO DELMARE**, at 12:12gmt.

Finally, we have been asked to mention that a proposed new Dublin Short Wave station plans to commence in the Spring, on 5910kHz. Anyone wishing to purchase air time (e.g. by providing good quality, one hour pre-recorded shows on cassette) should immediately contact R.N. c/o Radio Ireland, 10 North Richmond Street, Dublin 2, requesting further details.

#### **STOP PRESS.**

**Radio North** have changed channels, and are now transmitting on 846kHz. Unfortunately, **Sunshine Radio** also use this frequency, from North County Dublin, hence blocking out anything else on this channel, at this location. However, this frequency should give better coverage of Donegal and Northern Ireland, especially in the evening. Neither operator should experience any interference from the other under normal circumstances. Radio North have also moved their FM from 97.7 to 95.9MHz.

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**Co. WICKLOW.** The 1602kHz. transmitter of **WLCB** now seems to be back on air, as of yesterday, with a continuous signal. This follows several days of the transmitter tripping out every few seconds, and it being off air altogether on Friday. The signal strength is now much better than it has been for some time.

**Co. KILDARE.** On the radio scene in this county, **ZEE 104** are now belting into all parts of Kildare, as far as Portlaoise, Co. Laois, on 104.2MHz., stereo FM, also locally on 96.1MHz. The reaction is reported as very good and hopefully, as the station grows, so too will the audience. Current line up.....10:00 Chris Doran. 14:00 Gary Noone. 18:00 Nigel Gordon (station owner). 21:00 until close down at midnight, Jeff Richards with 'On the Night - shift'. Weekly film and video reviews by Tom Loughlin, entitled 'Screen Scene', are aired. New presenters are still required and anyone interested should send a suitable demonstration tape to Zee 104, 2 Fair Green, Naas, Co. Kildare.

FREQUENCY:  
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**Co. LOUTH.** A transmitter on 1521kHz. came alive this morning, with a strong signal ensuing. **Radio Rainbow** was broadcast for a time, followed by a short relay of **Boyneside Radio**, until the transmitter cut off just after lunch time. The signal was only just lower in strength than Boyneside's main 1305kHz. outlet.

**ZEE 103** continue on high power, on 103.25MHz. Their current lineup reads....07:00 Graham Marsh. 10:00 Kenny Tosh. 13:00 Andrew Gold. 16:00 Owen Barry. 19:00 Roy McKee. 22:00 till 07:00 John Anthony and Barry. Specialist programming includes a reggae show on Saturday evenings and an oldies show on Sundays, at 10:00.

**Co. WESTMEATH.** **Radio West** seemed to be experiencing problems again today, with the main AM transmitter, on 702kHz., cutting out and being off more than on, air. Similar problems occurred two weeks ago, on 1st March, when the free radio show failed to go out then. A new member has joined the Radio West news team, Linda Larkin, from **Kandy Radio** in Ballinasloe. The station's plan to produce an 'Anorak' magazine must be encouraged, and currently, other stations are being circularised to provide some news, stories and information about their particular operation. If anyone feels they can help in any way whatsoever, please write to the station at West House, Patrick Street, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, marking the envelope 'Magazine'.



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To all farmers, this is a special announcement.  
Radio 3 introduces Landlink, this is a programme of news, investigations, reports and commentary on the live issues affecting agriculture today, presented by a panel of three experts representing all aspects of the agricultural economy.  
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LANDLINK PROGRAMME GOES OUT  
AT: 6.15 AM ON WED'S 11.30 AM ON SUNDS



Popular and experienced presenter, Niall McGowan has joined **Signal Stereo 102** and can be heard at weekends.

**Co. DONEGAL.** **Radio Nova** are now broadcasting regular programmes on 1287kHz. AM, and 98.2MHz.FM. As far as we know, the station closes at 20:00 nightly, but plans are afoot to extend this to midnight or even 02:00. At present, promotion of the station is the main concern, with milk carton advertising, stickers and a holiday giveaway. These are intended to grab the public's attention and make them aware of the station.

**Radio North** have altered their FM transmitter back to 97.7MHz., after a brief spell on 96.0MHz. AM continues on 846kHz., although not received here, due to Sunshine

Radio on the same channel.

**Co. MAYO.** **Mid West Radio's** newest outlet, on 1233kHz. is fairly audible in Scotland most mornings. The signal is reported at it's best around 08:30. It is not known if the transmitter is actually in Ballyhaunis, as is the main 1332kHz. one.

**LIMERICK.** **The Sound Channel** is operating from this city on 98.7MHz., formerly on 103.8MHz. The move was made some weeks ago, due to a problem with interference. According to reports, the station is making quite an impact in the city and has a steadily growing advertising log. The station is owned by the Limerick Property News and operates from their premises at 78 O'Connell Street, Limerick.

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**LASER HOT HITS.** The station once again had a few spells when it was off the air, this past week. On Monday, the breakfast show was cut short, when the transmitter went off sometime between 07:45 and 08:45. On **Radio Caroline** at the same time, the seas were given out as being moderate, so it isn't thought the weather had anything to do with 576kHz becoming silent. By mid-afternoon however, **Laser** had returned to the air, with Brandy Lee on the 'Going Home Show'. On Tuesday the station was on the air all day, with Paul Jackson, during his show in the morning building up the music to a 'fever pitch', and consequently making references to Charlie Wolf. Wednesday saw the station once again leave the air, following the news at 11:00. This time we heard them say it was for engineering maintenance. Brandy Lee was on the air later in the afternoon, when the signal was restored at about 14:30. There was no apparent increase in the signal strength after either of the breaks this week. The aerial system is still currently as it was several weeks ago. That is, wires strung between a makeshift rear tower, about 70 feet high and the ships front mast about 40 feet high. The current power being used is said to be 5.5kW, although due to the inefficiency of the small aerial system, only about 2 to 3kW is thought to be being emitted. The new presenter Jim Perry seems to have fitted in quite well, with his very fast approach to his shows, making it sound more like the older U.S. stations. The current schedule reads 06:00 Paul Jackson...10:00 Jim Perry...14:00 Brandy Lee...18:00 John Anthony. Although regular programmes begin normally at 06:00, 'Steven Bishop' is often heard with test music as early as 05:00, and also late in the evening on when John 'Rock n'Roll' Anthony has 'burned' himself out in his first 4 hours. Midnight continues to be the normal closedown time. On Thursday morning a song written about **Laser** was heard being played, although we haven't heard it since. We hope to find out more about it by next week. Only one new advert has been noted this week, where a London telephone number was read out for a Media Sales Company. News continues to be read all day by John Allen.

**CAROLINE.** The station was short staffed all week, once again, and the line-up read 05:00 Mark Matthews...11:00 Richard Jackson...13:00 Mark Warner...17:00 Richard Jackson...21:00 Tim Shepherd...01:00 Closedown. At the weekend, the station ran 24 hours, with Steve Conway, who normally reads all the news bulletins, announced as being host from 01:00 till 05:00, although due to the poor night reception conditions, we did not hear him. On Friday, Mark seemed to be getting a bit fed up with all the records he had to play, and said they were desperate to obtain records that were either not in films, or the soundtracks of films. According to Richard Jackson, Mark Warner had a large selection of sweat shirts to choose from, perhaps one for each day. On Friday, he was wearing one from the old **Thameside Radio**. Mark now seems to have settled down after a nervous start. A line-up change finally took place on Sunday morning, with the return of Dave James between 09:00 and 13:00. At the time of writing, we are not sure if any others have joined the ship. A new promotion, done by Mark Matthews, now seems to be being played. It uses the phrase "Caroline 558 plays the best new sounds around, like.....". No other new ads have been noted by us. Current power on 558kHz is said to be about 3.5kW, and on 963kHz about 22kW.



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**WANTED.** A recording a Capital Radio's programme, "The Encyclopedia of Rock"....contact, with details, Bernt Erfjord, c/o Loland, Heliemyrtoppen 56, N - 4600 Kristiansand S, Norway.

**WANTED.** 'Peace' by Peter (Gosling), on record. Contact, with price, G. Walley, 181 Clepgate Lane, Ipswich IP3 0RF.

**RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND.**

**DUBLIN.** **Sunshine/Hot Hits 101.** Following an advertisement in the Sunday World, the station seemed to have gained a lot of listeners to their Sunday 'BeBop Gold' programme (which is not surprising, as it is excellent). At lunchtime, Nails Mahoney was heard, interspersed with telephone calls to programme director Bill Cunningham,

from listeners who had first tuned in after seeing the advertisement. There was also a competition to win 22oz. steak, St. Patrick day dinners. Up and coming attractions on the Sunday programming are to include 'mini concerts', an Elvis special, and a 'battle of the No. 1's'. BeBop Gold, certainly seems to have picked up a large number of listeners, not only in Dublin, but also here in North West England. The cash calls are still continuing, but as yet the £10,000 has still not been given away. Little of note seems to have taken place this past week, **Energy 103** were noted airing a promo advertising all their competitions, and what a lot there were too. Tony Allan's voice was heard on this one. Considerable exposure is being given to "Energy Rap '87", done by the presenters. This recording is on cassette and may possibly be available from the station at 144 Upper Leeson Street, Dublin 4. Tel: (01) 606422.

Over on **Q 102**, they excelled themselves with a new promo for the £20,000 Giveaway. They used the 'War of the Worlds' backing with their message spoken over it in the same way as the original song. This really did sound very good. On Friday last, the jackpot on the above competition had reached £3,500. 'Solid Gold Saturday' is being advertised extensively. The station will play nothing but oldies from the last three decades, from midnight, next Friday night until the same time on Saturday night.

**Treble T.R. Radio** have plans for a new 5 kw AM transmitter on a new frequency. They hope to implement this very shortly, along with additional FM transmitters to cover fringe areas. Current AM frequency is 945kHz. and FM, 99.5 and 97.5MHz.(locally). The station engineer would be pleased to hear from anyone with reception reports, once the new AM is in service. Letters to Tony Mulligan, Treble T.R. Radio, 9 Harold's Cross Road, Dublin 6.



## Popularity charts week 10

1. (1) I'm For Love — T.R. Dallas.
2. (3) You're Still New To Me — Family.
3. (5) Vaya Con Dios — Gillespie Sisters.
4. (2) Colcannon — Black Family.
5. (7) It Only Hurts When I Cry — Alibi.
6. (4) Don't Bury Me Til I'm Ready — J. Paycheck.
7. (6) There Were Roses — Robbie O'Connell.
8. (9) Hung Up On You — Anne Lord.
9. (10) North to Alaska The Goldrush is Gone — Norman Wade.
10. (New) They Killed Him — K. Kristofferson.

### TREBEL TR L.P. CHARTS

1. The Black Family — Black Family. Dara.
2. A Touch of Class — John Carroll. Harmac.
3. It's The Irish In Me — Anna McGoldrick. Bonus.
4. Wine Coloured Roses — George Jones. Eipc.
5. I Need You — D. O'Donnell. Harmac.
6. Songs for the Working Man — John Conlee. MC
7. Traditional Music & Beyond — Various Artists. Green Linnet.
8. Reminiscing — Foster & Allen. Harmac.
9. Serenity — Phil Coulter. Harmac.
10. Take The Long Way Home — J. Schneider. MCA.

The Treble TR Popularity Charts are presented every Wednesday afternoon at 2.15 p.m. The LP Charts are presented every Thursday afternoon at 4.15 p.m. The Charts are compiled from the listeners' requests of playlisted songs. For requests, telephone 966484. For advertising telephone 960340.

Heartbeat have not been noted on 1116kHz.AM for the past few days. They now have two FM outlets, however, with 104.6MHz., now joining 95.5MHz. The 104.6 seems to be getting out quite well and has been reported as being heard



963kHz. continues to close down following the end of 'Viewpoint 963', nightly. We are still being assured that 'Overdrive' will resume as soon as staff become available.

FM on 103.7MHz., JBC on 104.7MHz. and LGR 105.0MHz. Another ethnic station has been heard all week on 105.4MHz., and appeared to be announcing an address in London N1. On Monday last (9th March), **Twilight Radio** was heard on 94.0MHz.

Last Sunday (8th), a new station was heard in North London, calling itself "**The Clockwork Wireless Broadcasting Company**". The frequency used was approximately 90.2MHz. and was in stereo. More information on this station would be appreciated.

**THE SOUTH.** **Radio Atlantis** have returned to the airwaves, in the Kent area, on 103.7MHz., broadcasting every Wednesday, from 20:00 until 22:00. A telephone line is in operation for requests and dedications. The station can be heard as far away as Essex. As of 27th March, Saturday night programmes are to be introduced on **Radio Boulogne Littoral**, on 91.6MHz. Experienced presenters are being sought (voluntary) for the expansion of the International service of this legal station, based in France. Demonstration tapes would be appreciated at RBL, P.O. Box 5, Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 5AU. The station tell us that they are accepting advertising and can offer very cheap rates.

#### **SHORT WAVE STATIONS...TODAY'S LOG.....**

6206kHz...FRS HOLLAND, at 10:25gmt.  
6206kHz...RADIO DELMARE, at 16:30gmt.  
6210kHz...RIGHT WING RADIO, at 10:07gmt.  
6221kHz...RADIO TELSTAR, at 11:50.  
6240kHz...RADIO RAINBOW, at 11:29gmt.  
6261kHz...RADIO SOUNDS INT., at 11:45gmt.  
6261kHz...RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 12:00gmt.  
6266kHz...RADIO DISCOLINE, at 09:49gmt.  
6266kHz...RADIO ORION, at 11:18gmt.  
6274kHz...SPECTRUM LEISURE COMM., at 11:52gmt.  
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 12:10gmt.  
6293kHz...P.F.B.S., at 09:32gmt.  
6297kHz...RADIO NOVA (BELGIUM), at 09:28gmt.  
6310kHz...RADIO IRELAND INT., at 11:31gmt.  
6325kHz...RADIO VALLERI, at 13:04gmt.  
7367kHz...CALDONIA RADIO, at 10:15gmt.

Reception conditions today were much improved over the past few weeks, bringing fairly constant signals from most areas. As usual, the stations listed in **bold** were heard by us, here in Blackpool, and the rest kindly telephoned in by loggers in Yorkshire and the Midlands.

The Right Wing Radio heard on 6210kHz, was not the same transmitter as that used by Radio Delmare on 6206kHz, although they announced that the relay was being aired via Delmare. Radio Delmare was missing on Saturday, due to problems with the modulation stage, according to operator, Johann. The station signed on late on Sunday also.

Radio Rainbow made its long awaited return on 6240kHz, this morning. Unfortunately, although the signal level was very high, the modulation was quite low, and distorted at times. However this was probably due to teething problems, as the station was also broadcasting, as promised a while ago, on medium wave and 97.8MHz.FM as well. The signal on 1521kHz, MW, was excellent here, although again, had some problems with modulation. It sounded as though some of the RF was getting back into the studio equipment. Later on, the audio improved with a repeat of Kieren Murray's Free Radio Show being aired, but by that time the SW transmitter appeared to have been switched off. The FM was not heard at this location. The station are looking for reports on how the two new services are being received, especially for the MW transmission, as the power must be approaching 1kW. It should be covering a large chunk of Wales, Northern England, and Western Scotland, which are those areas normally being skipped over by the SW transmissions. Reports can be sent to Radio Rainbow, 151 Moneymore, Co. Louth, Eire., or to ourselves, at P.O. Box 539.

Amendments to last week's log....Radio Europa Int., were heard, and reported in a late call, on 6330kHz., at 10:45gmt. Radio Pica, Barcelona, was logged via Radio Marabu, in turn, via Radio Delmare at 09:34gmt. Radio Delmare itself, was logged at 10:43 and 14:55gmt. Thanks to Ian, Podney and Stuart for these.

#### **Log for Saturday 14th March 1987.**

6266kHz...RADIO DISCOLINE, at 10:41gmt.  
6266kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:52gmt.  
6285kHz...UNID., at 10:35gmt.

The latter was giving out the Wuppertal address. LATE: Radio Neon, 98.4MHz.. logged in Glasgow at 13:00. today, also on Friday night last.

Best Wishes  
Ad Roberts  
Keep on doing it!?

**LAND BASED STATIONS.** **LIVERPOOL.** Last week's report was printed slightly earlier than normal, hence, some late news failed to make the deadline. On Sunday afternoon, station owner, Burt Williams, made an appearance on **Radio Merseywaves**, on 1242kHz. As well as the usual golden oldies, technical information, comments and plenty of Burt's unique humour were noted, with subjects ranging from Radio Caroline North, the sound quality of some of the IBA MW transmitters, to the problems associated with buying a small engined car. The show was extremely entertaining. The station continued throughout Sunday and Monday, into the early hours of Tuesday, and close - down. They duly returned on Friday, as usual, at 08:00 with the Dave Collins Show. Due to a couple of presenters leaving, some changes in programmes were noted, along with mentions of a new voice expected. Plenty of promotion is being given to the forthcoming Under 18's Night Out, at Moreton Youth Club, on Tuesday 24th March. All presenters have been heard 'plugging' their nightly 'gigs', which must delight the promoters (and ensure continued employment and possibly better remuneration!). Station owner, Burt Williams, made another Sunday afternoon appearance, apologising for a poorer signal than normal. He told us that he hoped to restore normal power by next weekend's transmissions. He blamed antenna problems.

Due to poor medium wave conditions, no other stations from Merseyside were noted on Saturday, but on today (15th), were Radio Merseyland on 1397kHz. and Liverpool Pirate Radio, with Phil Davies, on 1404kHz.

**Concept Radio** were reported as being on air, on Wednesday last, at 22:00, on 104.3MHz.

Radio Julie were not noted this week, although last week's strong signal here in Blackpool, on 104.8MHz., was apparently hardly received on Merseyside, no doubt due to location, position of antenna etc.

**YORKSHIRE/HUMBERSIDE.** In Leeds, only Music City Radio have been heard this week, on 90.3MHz. As usual, they have been logged after 18:00, most evenings and Saturday afternoons.

In Bradford, **Radio Veronica** continue to be heard on occasions, during weekday evenings, on 104.9MHz. On Wednesday, they were heard in Derbyshire and were heard to announce 130 watts of power. On Thursday night, however, they appeared to be much weaker.

In Scunthorpe, **WLNG** have again been heard on 104.9MHz.

#### **SCUNTHORPE'S LOCAL STATION**

**WLNG - 104.9 FM.**

**THE MIDLANDS.** **Radio PCRL** are the only station reported this week from there. They have been on air for the best part of the week, on 103.5MHz.

**LONDON.** Stations reported heard today, Sunday....**Community Development Radio (CDR)**, on 88.7MHz., **Rock to Rock** on 90.2MHz., **TKO** on 90.5MHz., **LWR** on 92.1MHz., **Solar** on 93.0MHz., **Fame FM**, on 94.5MHz., **Time**



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# ***The WEEKLY***

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## ***The First with the News in Print***

Week No. 150.....15th March 1987. P.O. Box 539, BLACKPOOL FY1 4RE, England.

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It is with great regret that we report the death of a well known free radio pioneer, Mrs Britt Wadner who died at 05:20 on Friday morning, aged 72, at her home in Bastad, Southern Sweden. Britt Wadner had a long history of associations with offshore radio, beginning with involvement in some successful, experimental Swedish programmes, which were broadcast from Radio Mercur, in the early 1960's. In February 1962, the vessel, Cheeta I was put up for sale and Mrs Wadner purchased her, so that she could start her own station, which she duly did, calling it Radio Syd (pronounced Sud, meaning South). When the Cheeta 2 became available, this too was purchased, along with it's superior transmitting equipment, and it replaced the original vessel until January 1966, when it left it's anchorage, due to thick pack ice, never to return. The ship sailed to England, where it was leased to Radio Caroline's Ronan O'Rahilly, to broadcast Caroline's programmes whilst their own ship, the Mi Amigo, was being repaired, following a beaching off Frinton, as a result of severe storms. The Mi Amigo returned before mid - Summer, and Cheeta 2 eventually (after a number of problems, including Admiralty Marshal writs and it's detention in the River Stour, off Harwich!), sailed South and ended up in the tiny West African country of The Gambia, where the station resumed broadcasting as Radio Syd (and still does today). The authorities soon granted them a licence and allowed them on land to build studios. The Cheeta 2 was converted



into a floating restaurant, but eventually became unseaworthy and was abandoned in Banjul Harbour (see photo below). Mrs Wadner and her family made a great success in business, there, and a hotel, Wadner Beach, was amongst these. Eventually, she retired and we last saw her at this hotel in 1980, enjoying the most pleasant climate that this country affords. Mrs Wadner was jailed by the Swedish authorities on a number of occasions, for offences pertaining to illegal broadcasting.

Our thanks to Michael Andersson in Sweden for this sad news, Gerry Bishop's "Offshore Radio" for additional information, and S. Callingham in London for the photo.

Further bad news reaches us this week....Following a successful third reading in the House of Lords, it appears that a Bill is going through Parliament (quite rapidly, too), to extend the territorial waters around the coast of Great Britain, from three to twelve miles. This Bill, if passed, will mean that the radio ships in the Thames Estuary, despite being outside this limit now, will find themselves in an even more vulnerable position, and the only solution would be to move further East still, which would place them further out at sea and away from protective sand - banks and further exposed to the elements. Other changes in the law, included in this Bill, would permit authorities to board such vessels under certain circumstances in the 'contiguous zone' (a strip, a further twelve miles wide). It looks fairly likely that the Bill could be law by mid Summer at the earliest or the Autumn at the latest. This report from Barry Collins, who tells us that a full version will possibly appear in a future edition of the Caroline Movement Bulletin. Little has been seen in the papers, apart from those who report 'word by word' goings on in Westminster, but the small cutting below was spotted recently.

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**NEW MERCHANDISE.** At long last, we are delighted to inform you that the parcel of cuttings associated with Weekly Reports 1 to 49, is now ready. Re - capping for a moment, Weekly Report started around the time of the great Irish raids of May 1983, at Issue No.1 (oddly enough, only published irregularly). By Issue 15 (August 1984), we went weekly, and at Issue 50, we were joined by the Cuttings (also numbered the same as the corresponding report). Some time ago, we promised the cuttings associated with Issues

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**ADVERT.** "Visit the radio ships in luxury". The latest trips run from France and use a much larger vessel than previously, which has many advantages. You have to make your own way to France and the round trip to the ships takes 20 hours and costs 125 Dutch Guilders. For further information, write, requesting same, to "Trips to the Ships", c/o Postbus 17460, 2502 CL Den Haag, Holland. You will, of course, need a passport. Well worth checking out, if you are game for a bit of an adventure! Reliable organisation.

**WANTED.** A recording a Capital Radio's programme, "The Encyclopedia of Rock"....contact, with details, Bernt Erfjord, c/o Loland, Heliemyrtoppen 56, N - 4600 Kristiansand S, Norway.

**WANTED.** 'Peace' by Peter (Gosling), on record. Contact, with price, G. Walley, 181 Clepgate Lane, Ipswich IP3 ORF.

**RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND.**

**DUBLIN.** **Sunshine/Hot Hits 101.** Following an advertisement in the Sunday World, the station seemed to have gained a lot of listeners to their Sunday 'BeBop Gold' programme (which is not surprising, as it is excellent). At lunchtime, Nails Mahoney was heard, interspersed with telephone calls to programme director Bill Cunningham,

from listeners who had first tuned in after seeing the advertisement. There was also a competition to win 22oz. steak, St. Patrick day dinners. Up and coming attractions on the Sunday programming are to include 'mini concerts', an Elvis special, and a 'battle of the No. 1's'. BeBop Gold, certainly seems to have picked up a large number of listeners, not only in Dublin, but also here in North West England. The cash calls are still continuing, but as yet the £10,000 has still not been given away. Little of note seems to have taken place this past week, **Energy 103** were noted airing a promo advertising all their competitions, and what a lot there were too. Tony Allan's voice was heard on this one. Considerable exposure is being given to "Energy Rap '87", done by the presenters. This recording is on cassette and may possibly be available from the station at 144 Upper Leeson Street, Dublin 4. Tel: (01) 606422.

Over on **Q 102**, they excelled themselves with a new promo for the £20,000 Giveaway. They used the 'War of the Worlds' backing with their message spoken over it in the same way as the original song. This really did sound very good. On Friday last, the jackpot on the above competition had reached £3,500. 'Solid Gold Saturday' is being advertised extensively. The station will play nothing but oldies from the last three decades, from midnight, next Friday night until the same time on Saturday night.

**Treble T.R Radio** have plans for a new 5 kw AM transmitter on a new frequency. They hope to implement this very shortly, along with additional FM transmitters to cover fringe areas. Current AM frequency is 945kHz. and FM, 99.5 and 97.5MHz.(locally). The station engineer would be pleased to hear from anyone with reception reports, once the new AM is in service. Letters to Tony Mulligan, Treble T.R. Radio, 9 Harold's Cross Road, Dublin 6.



## Popularity charts week 10

1. (1) I'm For Love — T.R. Dallas.
2. (3) You're Still New To Me — Family.
3. (5) Vaya Con Dios — Gillespie Sisters.
4. (2) Colcannon — Black Family.
5. (7) It Only Hurts When I Cry — Alibi.
6. (4) Don't Bury Me Til I'm Ready — J. Paycheck.
7. (6) There Were Roses — Robbie O'Connell.
8. (9) Hung Up On You — Anne Lord.
9. (10) North to Alaska The Goldrush is Gone — Norman Wade.
10. (New) They Killed Him — K. Kristofferson.

### TREBEL TR L.P. CHARTS

1. The Black Family — Black Family. Dara.
2. A Touch of Class — John Carroll. Harmac.
3. It's The Irish In Me — Anna McGoldrick. Bonus.
4. Wine Coloured Roses — George Jones. Eipc.
5. I Need You — D. O'Donnell. Harmac.
6. Songs for the Working Man — John Conlee. MC
7. Traditional Music & Beyond — Various Artists. Green Linnet.
8. Reminiscing — Foster & Allen. Harmac.
9. Serenity — Phil Coulter. Harmac.
10. Take The Long Way Home — J. Schneider. MCA.

The Treble TR Popularity Charts are presented every Wednesday afternoon at 2.15 p.m. The LP Charts are presented every Thursday afternoon at 4.15 p.m. The Charts are compiled from the listeners' requests of playlisted songs. For requests, telephone 966484. For advertising telephone 960340.

Heartbeat have not been noted on 1116kHz.AM for the past few days. They now have two FM outlets, however, with 104.6MHz., now joining 95.5MHz. The 104.6 seems to be getting out quite well and has been reported as being heard



in Dungannon, Co. Tyrone.

**Co. WICKLOW.** The 1602kHz. transmitter of **WLCB** now seems to be back on air, as of yesterday, with a continuous signal. This follows several days of the transmitter tripping out every few seconds, and it being off air altogether on Friday. The signal strength is now much better than it has been for some time.

**Co. KILDARE.** On the radio scene in this county, **ZEE 104** are now belting into all parts of Kildare, as far as Portlaoise, Co. Laois, on 104.2MHz., stereo FM, also locally on 96.1MHz. The reaction is reported as very good and hopefully, as the station grows, so too will the audience. Current line up.....10:00 Chris Doran. 14:00 Gary Noone. 18:00 Nigel Gordon (station owner). 21:00 until close down at midnight, Jeff Richards with 'On the Night - shift'. Weekly film and video reviews by Tom Loughlin, entitled 'Screen Scene', are aired. New presenters are still required and anyone interested should send a suitable demonstration tape to Zee 104, 2 Fair Green, Naas, Co. Kildare.

FREQUENCY:  
104.2 mhz FM in Stereo

FORMAT:  
Pop and Easy Listening.

LISTENING AREA:  
All over Kildare and beyond.



TARGET AUDIENCE:  
15 - 25 year olds.

AIMS:  
To Entertain & Inform.

ADDRESS:  
2 Fair Green St, NAAS.

**Co. LOUTH.** A transmitter on 1521kHz. came alive this morning, with a strong signal ensuing. **Radio Rainbow** was broadcast for a time, followed by a short relay of **Boyneside Radio**, until the transmitter cut off just after lunch time. The signal was only just lower in strength than **Boyneside's** main 1305kHz. outlet.

**ZEE 103** continue on high power, on 103.25MHz. Their current lineup reads....07:00 Graham Marsh. 10:00 Kenny Tosh. 13:00 Andrew Gold. 16:00 Owen Barry. 19:00 Roy McKee. 22:00 till 07:00 John Anthony and Barry. Specialist programming includes a reggae show on Saturday evenings and an oldies show on Sundays, at 10:00.

**Co. WESTMEATH.** **Radio West** seemed to be experiencing problems again today, with the main AM transmitter, on 702kHz., cutting out and being off more than on, air. Similar problems occurred two weeks ago, on 1st March, when the free radio show failed to go out then. A new member has joined the **Radio West** news team, Linda Larkin, from **Kandy Radio** in Ballinasloe. The station's plan to produce an 'Anorak' magazine must be encouraged, and currently, other stations are being circularised to provide some news, stories and information about their particular operation. If anyone feels they can help in any way whatsoever, please write to the station at West House, Patrick Street, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, marking the envelope 'Magazine'.



702 KHz. 96 fm

## LANDLINK

WEST HOUSE, PATRICK STREET, MULLINGAR.  
Telephone 044-416941/42103/42104 Advertising Line 42153

To all farmers, this is a special announcement.  
Radio 3 introduces Landlink, this is a programme of news, investigations, reports and commentary on the live issues affecting agriculture today, presented by a panel of three experts representing all aspects of the agricultural economy.  
It will help you the farmer keep up to date on what matters to you and to your land.

LANDLINK PROGRAMME GOES OUT  
AT: 6.15 AM ON WED'S 11.30 AM ON SUNDS



Popular and experienced presenter, Niall McGowan has joined **Signal Stereo 102** and can be heard at weekends.

**Co. DONEGAL.** **Radio Nova** are now broadcasting regular programmes on 1287kHz. AM, and 98.2MHz.FM. As far as we know, the station closes at 20:00 nightly, but plans are afoot to extend this to midnight or even 02:00. At present, promotion of the station is the main concern, with milk carton advertising, stickers and a holiday giveaway. These are intended to grab the public's attention and make them aware of the station.

**Radio North** have altered their FM transmitter back to 97.7MHz., after a brief spell on 96.0MHz. AM continues on 846kHz., although not received here, due to Sunshine

Radio on the same channel.

**Co. MAYO.** **Mid West Radio's** newest outlet, on 1233kHz. is fairly audible in Scotland most mornings. The signal is reported at it's best around 08:30. It is not known if the transmitter is actually in Ballyhaunis, as is the main 1332kHz. one.

**LIMERICK.** **The Sound Channel** is operating from this city on 98.7MHz., formerly on 103.8MHz. The move was made some weeks ago, due to a problem with interference. According to reports, the station is making quite an impact in the city and has a steadily growing advertising log. The station is owned by the Limerick Property News and operates from their premises at 78 O'Connell Street, Limerick.

**Radio Luimni** added a high power stereo transmitter on 103.5MHz., at the end of last year, which is used in addition to 96.4MHz. 'John the Man' continues to be the city's only AM operation, on 1125kHz. This is despite both **City Centre Radio** and **The Sound Channel** claiming 194m medium wave, on promotional material, and **Stereo Radio Munster** on 828kHz. **THE VOICE OF PEACE.** No reports from this station, although, we understand that a new presenter, Stephen Joy has been sent out by Now Radio Communications.

**LASER HOT HITS.** The station once again had a few spells when it was off the air, this past week. On Monday, the breakfast show was cut short, when the transmitter went off sometime between 07:45 and 08:45. On **Radio Caroline** at the same time, the seas were given out as being moderate, so it isn't thought the weather had anything to do with 576kHz becoming silent. By mid-afternoon however, **Laser** had returned to the air, with Brandy Lee on the 'Going Home Show'. On Tuesday the station was on the air all day, with Paul Jackson, during his show in the morning building up the music to a 'fever pitch', and consequently making references to Charlie Wolf. Wednesday saw the station once again leave the air, following the news at 11:00. This time we heard them say it was for engineering maintenance. Brandy Lee was on the air later in the afternoon, when the signal was restored at about 14:30. There was no apparent increase in the signal strength after either of the breaks this week. The aerial system is still currently as it was several weeks ago. That is, wires strung between a makeshift rear tower, about 70 feet high and the ship's front mast about 40 feet high. The current power being used is said to be 5.5kW, although due to the inefficiency of the small aerial system, only about 2 to 3kW is thought to be being emitted. The new presenter Jim Perry seems to have fitted in quite well, with his very fast approach to his shows, making it sound more like the older U.S. stations. The current schedule reads 06:00 Paul Jackson...10:00 Jim Perry...14:00 Brandy Lee...18:00 John Anthony. Although regular programmes begin normally at 06:00, 'Steven Bishop' is often heard with test music as early as 05:00, and also late in the evening on when John 'Rock n'Roll' Anthony has 'burned' himself out in his first 4 hours. Midnight continues to be the normal closedown time. On Thursday morning a song written about **Laser** was heard being played, although we haven't heard it since. We hope to find out more about it by next week. Only one new advert has been noted this week, where a London telephone number was read out for a Media Sales Company. News continues to be read all day by John Allen.

**CAROLINE.** The station was short staffed all week, once again, and the line-up read 05:00 Mark Matthews...11:00 Richard Jackson...13:00 Mark Warner...17:00 Richard Jackson...21:00 Tim Shepherd...01:00 Closedown. At the weekend, the station ran 24 hours, with Steve Conway, who normally reads all the news bulletins, announced as being host from 01:00 till 05:00, although due to the poor night reception conditions, we did not hear him. On Friday, Mark seemed to be getting a bit fed up with all the records he had to play, and said they were desperate to obtain records that were either not in films, or the soundtracks of films. According to Richard Jackson, Mark Warner had a large selection of sweat shirts to choose from, perhaps one for each day. On Friday, he was wearing one from the old **Thameside Radio**. Mark now seems to have settled down after a nervous start. A line-up change finally took place on Sunday morning, with the return of Dave James between 09:00 and 13:00. At the time of writing, we are not sure if any others have joined the ship. A new promotion, done by Mark Matthews, now seems to be being played. It uses the phrase "Caroline 558 plays the best new songs around, like.....". No other new ads have been noted by us. Current power on 558kHz is said to be about 3.5kW, and on 963kHz about 22kW.



963kHz. continues to close down following the end of 'Viewpoint 963', nightly. We are still being assured that 'Overdrive' will resume as soon as staff become available.

FM on 103.7MHz., JBC on 104.7MHz. and LGR 105.0MHz. Another ethnic station has been heard all week on 105.4MHz., and appeared to be announcing an address in London N1. On Monday last (9th March), **Twilight Radio** was heard on 94.0MHz.

Last Sunday (8th), a new station was heard in North London, calling itself "**The Clockwork Wireless Broadcasting Company**". The frequency used was approximately 90.2MHz. and was in stereo. More information on this station would be appreciated.

**THE SOUTH.** **Radio Atlantis** have returned to the airwaves, in the Kent area, on 103.7MHz., broadcasting every Wednesday, from 20:00 until 22:00. A telephone line is in operation for requests and dedications. The station can be heard as far away as Essex. As of 27th March, Saturday night programmes are to be introduced on **Radio Boulogne Littoral**, on 91.6MHz. Experienced presenters are being sought (voluntary) for the expansion of the International service of this legal station, based in France. Demonstration tapes would be appreciated at RBL, P.O. Box 5, Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 5AU. The station tell us that they are accepting advertising and can offer very cheap rates.

#### **SHORT WAVE STATIONS...TODAY'S LOG.....**

6206kHz...FRS HOLLAND, at 10:25gmt.  
6206kHz...RADIO DELMARE, at 16:30gmt.  
6210kHz...RIGHT WING RADIO, at 10:07gmt.  
6221kHz...RADIO TELSTAR, at 11:50.  
6240kHz...RADIO RAINBOW, at 11:29gmt.  
6261kHz...RADIO SOUNDS INT., at 11:45gmt.  
6261kHz...RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 12:00gmt.  
6266kHz...RADIO DISCOLINE, at 09:49gmt.  
6266kHz...RADIO ORION, at 11:18gmt.  
6274kHz...SPECTRUM LEISURE COMM., at 11:52gmt.  
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 12:10gmt.  
6293kHz...P.F.B.S., at 09:32gmt.  
6297kHz...RADIO NOVA (BELGIUM), at 09:28gmt.  
6310kHz...RADIO IRELAND INT., at 11:31gmt.  
6325kHz...RADIO VALLERI, at 13:04gmt.  
7367kHz...CALDONIA RADIO, at 10:15gmt.

Reception conditions today were much improved over the past few weeks, bringing fairly constant signals from most areas. As usual, the stations listed in **bold** were heard by us, here in Blackpool, and the rest kindly telephoned in by loggers in Yorkshire and the Midlands.

The Right Wing Radio heard on 6210kHz, was not the same transmitter as that used by Radio Delmare on 6206kHz, although they announced that the relay was being aired via Delmare. Radio Delmare was missing on Saturday, due to problems with the modulation stage, according to operator, Johann. The station signed on late on Sunday also.

Radio Rainbow made its long awaited return on 6240kHz, this morning. Unfortunately, although the signal level was very high, the modulation was quite low, and distorted at times. However this was probably due to teething problems, as the station was also broadcasting, as promised a while ago, on medium wave and 97.8MHz.FM as well. The signal on 1521kHz, MW, was excellent here, although again, had some problems with modulation. It sounded as though some of the RF was getting back into the studio equipment. Later on, the audio improved with a repeat of Kieren Murray's Free Radio Show being aired, but by that time the SW transmitter appeared to have been switched off. The FM was not heard at this location. The station are looking for reports on how the two new services are being received, especially for the MW transmission, as the power must be approaching 1kW. It should be covering a large chunk of Wales, Northern England, and Western Scotland, which are those areas normally being skipped over by the SW transmissions. Reports can be sent to Radio Rainbow, 151 Moneymore, Co. Louth, Eire., or to ourselves, at P.O. Box 539.

Amendments to last week's log....Radio Europa Int., were heard, and reported in a late call, on 6330kHz., at 10:45gmt. Radio Pica, Barcelona, was logged via Radio Marabu, in turn, via Radio Delmare at 09:34gmt. Radio Delmare itself, was logged at 10:43 and 14:55gmt. Thanks to Ian, Podney and Stuart for these.

#### **Log for Saturday 14th March 1987.**

6266kHz...RADIO DISCOLINE, at 10:41gmt.  
6266kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:52gmt.  
6285kHz...UNID., at 10:35gmt.

The latter was giving out the Wuppertal address. LATE: Radio Neon, 98.4MHz.. logged in Glasgow at 13:00. today, also on Friday night last.

Best Wishes  
Ad Roberts  
Keep on doing it!?

**LAND BASED STATIONS.** **LIVERPOOL.** Last week's report was printed slightly earlier than normal, hence, some late news failed to make the deadline. On Sunday afternoon, station owner, Burt Williams, made an appearance on **Radio Merseywaves**, on 1242kHz. As well as the usual golden oldies, technical information, comments and plenty of Burt's unique humour were noted, with subjects ranging from Radio Caroline North, the sound quality of some of the IBA MW transmitters, to the problems associated with buying a small engined car. The show was extremely entertaining. The station continued throughout Sunday and Monday, into the early hours of Tuesday, and close - down. They duly returned on Friday, as usual, at 08:00 with the Dave Collins Show. Due to a couple of presenters leaving, some changes in programmes were noted, along with mentions of a new voice expected. Plenty of promotion is being given to the forthcoming Under 18's Night Out, at Moreton Youth Club, on Tuesday 24th March. All presenters have been heard 'plugging' their nightly 'gigs', which must delight the promoters (and ensure continued employment and possibly better remuneration!). Station owner, Burt Williams, made another Sunday afternoon appearance, apologising for a poorer signal than normal. He told us that he hoped to restore normal power by next weekend's transmissions. He blamed antenna problems.

Due to poor medium wave conditions, no other stations from Merseyside were noted on Saturday, but on today (15th), were Radio Merseyland on 1397kHz. and Liverpool Pirate Radio, with Phil Davies, on 1404kHz.

**Concept Radio** were reported as being on air, on Wednesday last, at 22:00, on 104.3MHz.

Radio Julie were not noted this week, although last week's strong signal here in Blackpool, on 104.8MHz., was apparently hardly received on Merseyside, no doubt due to location, position of antenna etc.

**YORKSHIRE/HUMBERSIDE.** In Leeds, only Music City Radio have been heard this week, on 90.3MHz. As usual, they have been logged after 18:00, most evenings and Saturday afternoons.

In Bradford, **Radio Veronica** continue to be heard on occasions, during weekday evenings, on 104.9MHz. On Wednesday, they were heard in Derbyshire and were heard to announce 130 watts of power. On Thursday night, however, they appeared to be much weaker.

In Scunthorpe, **WLNG** have again been heard on 104.9MHz.

#### **SCUNTHORPE'S LOCAL STATION**

**WLNG - 104.9 FM.**

**THE MIDLANDS.** **Radio PCRL** are the only station reported this week from there. They have been on air for the best part of the week, on 103.5MHz.

**LONDON.** Stations reported heard today, Sunday....**Community Development Radio (CDR)**, on 88.7MHz., **Rock to Rock** on 90.2MHz., **TKO** on 90.5MHz., **LWR** on 92.1MHz., **Solar** on 93.0MHz., **Fame FM**, on 94.5MHz., **Time**



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# **The WEEKLY**

# **REPORT**

# **ANORAKS**

## **The First with the News in Print**

Week No. 151.....22nd March 1987. P.O. Box 539, BLACKPOOL FY1 4RE, England.

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This week marked the passing of two rather sad anniversaries. It was seven years ago, on March 20th, that the m.v. Mi Amigo, home of Radio Caroline since 1964 (Radio Atlanta, and Radio Nord before that), sank in the Thames Estuary, during a severe north easterly gale. As we all know today, some of the final words spoken by Stevie Gordon, " ...if the pumps can't take it, we'll be back, one way or another...", before the crew abandoned the vessel, certainly became reality. March 19th also, saw the first anniversary of the sudden closure of Radio Nova, the station which probably did more to change the face of broadcasting in the Irish Republic, than any other radio station. Both radios Caroline and Nova, helped enormously, to bring a lot of excitement, and entertainment to an otherwise stale, and uninspiring European radio system. Radio Caroline of course, is still on the air, continuing to be a thorn in the side of the regulators, from its present vessel, the Ross Revenge. After almost 23 years, it still makes one wonder why the ship is still there, broadcasting to a so called 'free' country. Next weekend, of course, also marks 23 years since Radio Caroline first began broadcasting. Those initial broadcasts emanated from the m.v. Fredericia, off the Essex coast, which later became Caroline North, anchored off the Isle of Man.

**WEEKLY REPORT & CUTTINGS** is posted every Sunday evening at Blackpool Head Post Office. The price per week is as follows..... Second Class, within the U.K., 30p..... First Class, as above, plus to all EEC countries, including Eire, 35p..... Non - EEC countries (Sweden, Finland, Switzerland, etc.), 40p..... Elsewhere (via Air Mail), 50p. Subscriptions will be accepted for as many weeks as required. All back copies are available, with or without cuttings, and a special price for bulk parcels is available on request, stating which numbers are required.

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** Oh dear! Nothing new this week. We are pleased to report that further supplies of Laser 558 sweat - shirts and T - shirts have arrived. In black, as before, with the excellent 558 logo, the shirts are available in medium, large and extra large. A price increase on these items is imminent, but for now, orders will still be accepted at £5 for T - shirts and £9 for Sweat - shirts. The quality of these items is exceptional.

After an in-excusable length of time, we have now finally received stocks of L.P.'s and cassettes from Alfasound. The company have apologised profusely to everyone who has waited so long for their goods, and they assure us that such delays, will not happen again. The only item we have now no stocks of, is the Alfasound Jingle L.P. Volume 2. This L.P. is now out of print. Everyone who is currently waiting for Alfasound goods, should receive them within the next few days.

Please note: We have no stocks of International Reply Coupons at present. If anyone wishes to use any to buy goods, please feel free to do so. We will give you the same rate the Post Office currently give, that is 22p each.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** Two issues of **PLAY - DX** arrived on our desk this week, Issues 452 and 453. This publication is all in Italian, but the lists of unusual stations heard, are very interesting to look through. For information on this 6 page, A4 publication, contact Dario Monferini, v.Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy.....The first issue this year, of **Free Radio Fanzine**, No.1/87, also arrived this week. All in the German language, with plenty of pictures and re-produced

stickers, details can be obtained from RV, Postfach 1214, D - 6380 Bad Homburg, West Germany. FRF is now published five times per year and concentrates mainly on all new German private stations, plus offshore stations, rather than hobby pirates. A yearly subscription is DM 15.....Not yet arrived, although published on Tuesday (24th), NOW RADIO. The latest 'not to be missed' issue has all the usual features, plus Caroline Birthday special and details of what the Government's latest plans are, to make life difficult for our friends on the North Sea.

**TAPE OFFER.** It's back to the U.S., for Tape 35, which consists of a Wendy Rice drive show, on **WXRT - FM**, an A.O.R. radio station in Chicago. Tape 36 is an off-air recording of a recent Mark Matthews morning show, on Radio Caroline. The American tape is excellent quality, the Caroline recording is typically good AM quality. The cost, as usual, is £2.00 each, for a 90 minute cassette.

**GENERAL.** "The Theme Tunes": Thanks to a great number of correspondents, the list is coming along fine, in fact, additions are being made daily. List 3 is now ready and supercedes the mistake ridden and paltry, lists 1 and 2. All who have submitted information, will find List 3 in this week's envelope. Please check it and advise of us of any mistakes or omissions. Anyone wishing to see a copy, should just let us know and we will send one, free of charge. Further information is welcome (e.g. Record labels, numbers, further titles etc.).

The proposed A4 'occasional' magazine: Articles about free radio generally are being sought. If you wish to submit anything, please feel free to do so, but do remember, we reserve the right



to reject items not considered suitable (e.g. items about say, CB or Amateur Radio). Small adverts are free. Full, half or quarter page adverts...Price on application. Please remember that this magazine will contain no news at all, simply stories behind the news, hence, there will be no set dates for its appearance. This must apply to adverts also, general ones being the ones we need. We have no name as yet, so, how about a competition! Wanted, a name for our new magazine. It will be fairly short and will not contain the words 'free' or 'radio'. The winning name and/or design will win £15 worth of merchandise from our current sales list. Come on now, get cracking!

On the subject of advertising, small adverts (a couple of lines or so) will be accepted free of charge for inclusion in "Weekly Report". Anyone wishing for something larger, can avail of a 'flyer', an A5 sheet containing your advert/message on one side. Simply send us an A4 or A5, good quality master copy and we will print 600 plus and include them inside the reports posted to subscribers in the United Kingdom only. The cost of this service? £15.00 (or £25.00 for both sides printed). Only two advertisers (one flyer) will be included per week. Please enquire for further details. We can also offer good quality bulk photocopying and zoom reductions (from good quality originals), at very competitive rates. Again, please feel free to write for further details, or telephone (0253) 882017.

**FOR SALE.** Top quality, brand new FM Stereo Transmitter. Un-used. Cost £250 recently.....£150 for quick sale. Also **FOR SALE.** Broadcast Quality AKG microphone. Excellent spec. (cost £160). Never been used, in box, with accessories....£65. For both items, contact Neil, after 18:00, on (0626) 63554. good reason for sale.

**FOR SALE.** 30 second - hand NAB Cartridges of various durations, 30 seconds to 8 minutes, makes, Aristocart, Audiopak and Fidelicart. Only need bulk erasing, in order to be as good as new.....Price, £35.00 for the lot....contact P.O. Box 539, etc.

**WANTED.** A tape recording of Glen Adams on Radio Caroline South...please contact John Eveleigh, c/o P.O. Box 539, Blackpool.

**WANTED.** 'Big Black Smoke' by the Kinks (flip side of 'Dead End Street'. Two copies required. If you have one (or two) for sale, contact Roger Kirk, RV, Postfach 1214, D - 6380 Bad Homburg, West Germany.

**INVITATION.** Former ERI and South Coast Radio news reader, Andrew Hewkin, now working on a Midlands (UK) ILR station, would like to invite any past or current presenters of the above stations, or listeners, to his wedding to Theresa O'Keefe, on Saturday next, 28th March 1987, at Cork Cathedral. They tell us that there will be plenty of room! (Well done both, on choice of date...Radio Caroline's 23rd Birthday). We, at A-UK, wish them all the very best for the future.

**JINGLES.** For those stations wanting jingles and promotions recording at a low cost, contact Mark on (0795) 511041. Bob Gallico of Q102, will also produce jingles at a reasonable rate. Details can be obtained from Bob, at 156 Foxrock Park, Foxrock, Dublin 18, Eire. Bob says to include your telephone number when writing to him. (Bob does many of our jingles).

**RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND. DUBLIN. Energy 103.** Current line up.....06:00 Gareth O'Callaghan. 10:00 Tony McKenzie. 15:00 Colm Hayes. 19:00 John O'Hara. Midnight Alan Burns (except Thursday and Friday, Derek Flood). Weekenders include....Ernie Gallagher, Eamon Kelly, Barry Falvey and Noel Collins. News readers....George Long, Sybil Fennell and Tina Gates. Special programmes....Rick Dees and 'American Top 40' (Saturday midday), Colm Hayes and 'European Top Forty' (Sunday midday) and John O'Hara and 'Sunday Gold' (15:00). Frequencies.... 738kHz.AM, 103.0MHz.FM, in stereo.

New news readers are being sought and tried out, following the departure of Michael Lewis to the National Radio Service, RTE. So far, three new ones have been noted, one female, although only one has been identified, Ronan Kelly.

On checking out Q 102 in the week, 'Eye in the Sky' was missing on Tuesday, due to it being a public holiday (St. Patrick's Day). It was missing again on Wednesday, due to adverse weather conditions.

The first Q 102 'Solid Gold Saturday', took place yesterday, and once we started listening, it became hard to turn the dial to see what some of the other stations were

doing. The music content was some of the best we had heard personally, for a long time, so it is congratulations to those who were behind the scenes spinning the records/C.D.'s, as there appeared to be no interruptions from any D.J.'s, during the hours we listened. What with 'Bee Bop Gold' on Sunshine Radio on Sundays, weekend radio in Dublin has become a paradise for those who love listening to oldies. Still at Sunshine, promos are saying....'answer your phone with the real phrase that pays' in retaliation, no doubt, to Energy 103's 'phrase that pays'!

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On checking the bands mid week, the familiar voice of Tony Allan was noted doing programmes on **Liberties Local Community Radio (LLCR)**, on 1035kHz. Tony's unmistakable style made compelling listening and it appears that he can be heard daily (weekdays) 10:00 till 14:00.

**Heartbeat** have been missing on 1116kHz., all week. FM transmissions have been noted as normal on 95.5 and 104.5MHz.

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**THE NORTH WEST REGION.** It appears, according to our reporter in Sligo, that West Coast Radio may well have closed down, as they have not been heard for over three weeks. The FM aerial is still in position at their premises in High Street, but the windows of the studios, formerly plastered with large WCR posters, are now bare. The posters can still be seen in numerous shops around town, so whether that means the station will return, is anyone's guess. Meanwhile, **Westside Radio**, on 97.5MHz.FM, continue with their Country and Western music format. Although not everyone's 'cup of tea', the format does seem to work, as lots of requests and dedications are noted, along with quite a few adverts.

Further South, in Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, **Kandy Radio** continue on 1386kHz. and 98.0MHz.FM. Lots of adverts noted here and the station can only be described as quite successful.

In the Midlands, in Athlone, **Signal 102** have turned out to be a real cracker of a station, our reporter tells us. Their FM stereo signal can be received in excellent quality as far as thirteen miles away. Much use is being made of their Compact Disc player, we are told. The other station in this town, is **Athlone Local Radio**, on 104.0MHz.FM, from the Sportsman's Tavern, Connaught Street, in the old part of the town. Their signal is less strong, but a new aerial is about to be erected, which should help boost this somewhat.

On checking **Longford Community Radio**, on 1071kHz., during the week, the station seemed to be off and on rather a lot, and at this moment, is in fact off the air once again.

**Co. KILDARE.** **Kildare Local Broadcasting (KLB)** has not been received too well here on MW, during the past few days, so we assume they are currently transmitting on reduced power. AM frequency is 1224kHz., FM, 102.4MHz.

**Co. WESTMEATH.** **Radio West** were playing sweet music when we tuned in this morning, and Don Allen was asking listeners to write in with their comments about such music being broadcast on the station. The 'Anorak' show returned today, after two weeks off, which were due to problems at the transmitter site, firstly with the transmitter arcing, when it was put on full power, and then with the generator giving out too high a voltage causing the transmitter to switch itself off. Sean also mentioned that his Dublin relay had been on for a couple of weeks on 102.5MHz, although he said that this was apparently not to be the final frequency. He has now decided to use the 1kW FM transmitter himself (it has been up for sale for a long time now), possibly as the Radio West relay for the Galway area.

**Co. Galway.** According to a telephone caller to the Radio West 'Anorak' show, a new station has begun operating in Tuam. Calling themselves **County Sound**, they are operating on a frequency of 98.5MHz.

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**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** No reports this week, but new presenters are being lined up to fly out and join the team in the Mediterranean.

**SEALAND.** It seems to have gone all quiet at present, here. One wonders what effect these new territorial limits, the Bill for which is being hustled through Parliament, will have on this old World War 2 fort.

**LASER HOT HITS 576.** The station seemed to be having quite a few problems with technical breakdowns, during the early part of the week. A new member of staff apparently arrived on board on Sunday, and did his first programme on the following morning, Monday, 16th March, starting at 06:00. His name is Bill Reid, and his first show didn't last too long before a break, as there was a break between 07:15 and 08:50. The station continued as normal after the break. Jim Perry now seems to have been relegated to the late evenings, when the station is on the air. He now appears to be on the air following John Anthony, who usually finishes at 22:00. On Monday night there was a joint show from these two D.J.'s between 22:00 and 23:00, which was apparently due to Jim Perry's 19th birthday celebrations. Jim Perry then hosted until 01:00. It was

announced that it was also Brandy's birthday on Friday, March 19th. On Tuesday we did not note the station here until just after 13:00, but programmes continued as normal after this. Again on Wednesday, Laser was off the air for most of the morning, Bill Reid having only managed to air a short part of his breakfast show. The station returned at 13:05, with Paul Jackson, but he did not mention why they had been off the air. In fact, it sounded as though the programme had been actually going on whilst the transmitter was off. It was not until Thursday, that we heard our first full day of programmes all week, although programmes did not start until 07:00. The normal day's lineup now reads 06:00 Bill Reid...10:00 Paul Jackson...14:00 Brandy Lee...18:00 John Anthony...22:00 Jim Perry. On Thursday (and also Wednesday), the station was heard closing with the theme tune ('Thank You for the Music', by Abba), at midnight. A bit of humour seems to be the order of the day, between 17:00 and 18:00, when John Anthony appears in the studio, prior to his show. On Thursday, Brandy had to put up with the view of John doing his exercises, whilst presenting the end of her show. The 'How to Talk American' phrases have been heard once again, at around 16:30 each day, along with various tongue twisters. On Thursday, John Allan, John Anthony and Brandy Lee were all heard to be having a go at these. We understand that the station was on the air 24 hours a day, last weekend, but are unsure as to whether they were planning to do the same thing this week. If they were planning this, then it didn't succeed, as they were noted off the air on both Saturday, and Sunday around breakfast time. The 'up to the hour' news bulletins, continue to be read by John Allen, all day. No new adverts have been heard by us, but Ronnie in Filey reports hearing one for cardigans. Thanks also to Ronnie for some of the above report. The Laser song we mentioned last week, is by a group calling themselves the Communicators, which seems to be the crew singing about themselves.

**CAROLINE.** All seems to be rather quiet on the Ross Revenge at the moment. Since Dave James returned last weekend, in order to relieve Richard Jackson, there have been no crew changes. The station is still short of staff, meaning that double shifts are having to be made yet again, and due to this, the lineup all week, has read 05:00 Mark Matthews...11:00 Dave James...13:00 Mark Warner...17:00 Dave James...21:00 Tim Shepherd...01:00 Closedown. At the weekend, transmissions were continuous from 05:00 on Friday morning until 01:00, on Tuesday morning. The extra hours during the night, between 01:00 and 05:00 were apparently hosted again, by Steve Conway, although we could not hear them due to poor reception conditions in the night. Mark Matthews said, on Tuesday, that because he had had no sleep all weekend, he went to bed after his show finished on Monday, and slept all the way through until 03:00 on Wednesday morning, about 15 hours. Tuesday, 17th March, brought this year's Budget, and with it, plenty of coverage from Steve Conway during his afternoon bulletins. No new adverts have been logged this week. The station continues to play the promos, made by Mark Matthews for the up and coming 'new' music to be heard. We are not sure, but the music seems to have altered for the better (in our opinion), during the week, with many more records being played with a 'rock' flavour to them. All the news bulletins have again been read by Steve Conway, even on Saturday morning when he had been up all night.

**LAND BASED STATIONS.** **LIVERPOOL.** Despite low power being used, as a result of antenna problems, the signal from **Radio Merseywaves** on 1242kHz., was still far superior to anything else logged from Merseyside in recent times. The station fulfilled its Monday schedule as normal and closed down in the early hours of Tuesday morning. On Friday, we were a little surprised at 08:00 on checking the signal strength meter, to see that the station was still on low power, about 90 watts, we understand. We were told during the day, that they hoped to get full power restored by next weekend, and proceeded to apologise to listeners well away from the Merseyside area for the weaker signal being received. One or two change arounds in staff were noted on Friday, and a new presenter was advertised as being on air in the early hours of Saturday morning, Tony West the name. A 'star' from a local ILR station keeps being mentioned as 'appearing Saturday at 18:00', but no names have been mentioned, apart from them saying that it was not Billy Butler! We were unable to spare much listening time on Saturday, hence cannot confirm if yet another new voice was, or was not featured. Finally, reports from the Midlands tell us that the station despite on lower power, is more clearly audible



there, than previously.

Today, 22nd March, we once again logged **L.P.R. (Liverpool Pirate Radio)** on 1404kHz, although they were only heard for a short time, as they signed off at around 11:15. The signal from L.P.R. is quite strong, but the audio level is much lower than that of either Radio Merseywaves, or Radio Merseyland. **Radio Merseyland** once again had a reasonably strong signal, with a very high audio level, and were heard most of the day on 1395kHz. An advert for the Liverpool Flat Agency has been heard on Radio Merseyland. No other stations have been noted in the week, here, although again, not much time has been available to us. Tim Jackson, in his weekly report on the Merseyside scene, remarks on the lack of stations, but goes on to say that if the usual pattern is repeated, all stations in the area will make a special effort to be on the air for the Easter weekend.

**YORKSHIRE/HUMBERSIDE.** **Radio Veronica**, which broadcasts from the Bradford area on 104.9MHz made a surprise 'marathon' closedown, on Thursday night, 19th March, following the publication of an article in the city's newspaper, the Telegraph and Argus. Since increasing its power to 135 watts, the signal has been heard over a wide area, including North Wales, Humberside, and even here in Blackpool, so it could have probably used the motto 'coast to coast'. On listening here, on Thursday, programmes seemed to be as normal, during the early evening, with letters from listeners being read out. Another member of the station then appeared with the aforementioned evening paper, in which a large headline apparently reported the station as being 'saucy' (see cuttings), and the story told of the DTI's attempt to track the station down. Following this, the stations operators, Steven and Christine, announced that they would be closing down. All the usual items were mentioned in the article, including possible interference, although on this item, we were informed that the station operated on exactly 104.9MHz, and that the transmitter output was fully filtered, in order that only signals on this frequency, 104.9MHz, were emitted. Listeners were asked to write to the newspaper, to give their side to the rather biased article, and the station played out with 'Man of Action', by Les Reed, and the transmitter was switched off at 23.13. It appears as if the local IBA station had a part in this closure, as it had in the closure a couple of years ago, of Calderdale Sound, in Todmorden. At that time (1984), it was claimed that the 'pirate' was a threat to their relay in Halifax. Another recent station in Derby, also had to close down, due to Radio Trent saying that they might 'lose' listeners, when their new 'relay' opened up, in that city. The station address, given out many times on the air, was....Veronica, Heights Bungalow, Heights, Kilpin Hill, Heckmondwike, West Yorks. WF16 ODE. Telephone number was Brighthouse 718344.

Across in Leeds, only **Music City Radio** have been monitored this week on 90.3MHz. Apparently, they have only been in mono, on the two days they have been heard. In the past, they have always broadcast in stereo.

Apparently, we understand that **Radio Radar** are planning to be on the air all day next Sunday.

In Scunthorpe, **WLNG** can be heard on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 20:30 until 22:30, on 104.9MHz.FM, announcing that they will be going stereo very shortly. The station was heard advertising for a presenter to do a Country and Western programme for them.

**THE MIDLANDS.** **PCRL** were heard for most of the week, on 103.5MHz., but disappeared last night, and have not been heard since. **Soul City Radio** were also heard in the area, on 103.55MHz., today, signing off around 12:30. **UK Radio** were on the air last Sunday evening, on 105.2MHz., but had to cut their transmissions short, due to a damaged power supply.

**LONDON.** Thanks to Sid, in West Sussex, who reports hearing no less than 27 different stations during the past week, in south and central London. There certainly seems to be no shortage of stations in the city, despite all the raids carried out recently by the DTI. Some stations logged by Sid, which we did not list in the last report include **Quest - FM** on 90.0MHz, **Niceness** on 91.6MHz, **Radio Confidence** on 92.7MHz, **Studio 1** on 92.7 and 93.0MHz, **SW Sound** on 104.25MHz, **Radio Gemini** on 104.4MHz, **Radio Vicky** on 105.4MHz, **G.C.R.** on 105.4MHz, and **Southside Radio** on 105.9MHz. This week, there have also been several unidentified Greek and Asian stations heard, on 88.6MHz,

90.95MHz, and 91.05MHz. Those reported today, include **TKO** on 90.5MHz, **Solar Radio** on 93.0MHz, **KISS - FM** on 93.9MHz, **Time Radio** on 103.7MHz, **JBC** on 104.7MHz, and **LGR** on 105MHz. **LWR** were heard on 92.1MHz yesterday, but have not yet been monitored today, so perhaps they were on the receiving end of yet more DTI activity.

**THE SOUTH COAST.** A report in tells us that a station by the name of South Coast Radio, is set to come on the air in the Portsmouth region, today, on 104.5MHz., with a 'Sundays only' schedule. Presenters said to be looked out for, include, Richard Graham, Chris Jenson, Steve Gee and Dave Martin. Hours of transmissions will be 09:00 till 12:00. Station mailing address.... SCR, c/o RWI, B.P. No. 130, 92504 Rueil Malmaison, Cedex, France.

#### **SHORT WAVE STATIONS.....Today's log.....**

**6206kHz...C.L.C.G., at 09:35gmt.**  
**6206kHz...RADIO DELMARE, at 11:47gmt.**  
**6206kHz...RADIO LIMIT, at 12:14gmt.**  
**6218kHz...PREMIER RADIO INT., at 12:07gmt.**  
**6220kHz...UNID., at 11:11gmt.**  
**6267kHz...RADIO ORION, at 09:50gmt.**  
**6240kHz...RADIO RAINBOW, at 11:10gmt.**  
**6275kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 09:22gmt.**  
**6275kHz...RADIO PRIVAAT, at 11:47gmt.**  
**6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 12:05gmt.**  
**6294kHz...P.F.B.S., at 11:12gmt.**  
**6300kHz...RADIO NORMAAL, at 10:10gmt.**  
**6306kHz...R.N.I. (NEPTUNE?), at 09:35gmt.**  
**6315kHz...UNID., at 10:20gmt.**  
**6310kHz...RADIO IRELAND INT., at 11:35gmt.**  
**6320kHz...UNID, at 11:15gmt.**  
**6330kHz...UNID., at 11:20gmt.**  
**6890kHz...UNID., with records, at 09:50gmt.**  
**7315kHz...Radio Brigitte, at 10:40gmt.**  
**7330kHz...UNID., at 10:50gmt.**

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Reception conditions today were very variable on the shortwave band. Most of the stations we logged (the ones in bold type) were long distance, with those from Ireland only peaking for a short time, and then disappearing altogether.

Apart from ourselves, SW reports were rung in from the Midlands and Scotland.

The problems which Radio Rainbow had last week, now seem to have been overcome, and the station was putting out excellent signals on both SW and MW, 1521kHz. The signal on 1521kHz, is now as good, both signal and audio wise, as Boyneside Radio's main transmitter on 1305kHz. It should be easily covering both the northeast of Ireland, and northwest of England, and any reception reports for this frequency would be gratefully appreciated by the station, at 151 Moneymore, Drogheda, Co. Louth, Eire. Radio Rainbow are also broadcasting locally, in the Drogheda area on 97.8MHz.

The station we logged as R.N. on 6306kHz, sounded like Radio Neptune, and during part of the programme, we heard the presenter announce that it was their final broadcast. Whether this meant they were closing down for good, or temporarily isn't known.

Amendments to last week's log, from James Sneddon, Podney R. Sixe and Stuart Dobson.....6221kHz., logged by some as Telstar and others as Delta. We thought they said Delta, but stood corrected and printed Telstar at the time. Now we are told it was Delta, relaying Telstar!!! Radio Hexagon was logged on 6206kHz. In 6228kHz., an unidentified station was logged at 11:18. SWR? A Radio Germany was mentioned.

We understand that Radio Apollo should (hopefully) be on the air, on Sunday 5th April, on 6285kHz.

#### **Logs for Saturday 21st.**

**6206kHz....RADIO CALIFORNIA, at 11:47gmt.**  
**6206kHz....RIGHT WING RADIO, at 12:05gmt.**  
**6233kHz....RADIO ORION, at 09:43gmt.**  
**6240kHz....RADIO RAINBOW(GERMANY), at 09:37gmt.**

Our thanks, as usual to all correspondents and callers for this week's news, cuttings and information generally.

**LATE NEWS.** As we go to print, D.L. Bogart appears to have returned from shore leave, and has been heard on the air this afternoon, on Laser 576. It is not known at this stage who else has arrived/returned, or who has taken shore leave, although Brandy Lee's name must be high on the list.



# **The WEEKLY**

## **REPORT**

### **ANORAKS**

#### **The First with the News in Print**

Week No. 152.....29th March 1987.

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Things seem a bit quiet at present, but with April 1st upon us, beware of 'spoof' happenings. It used to be tradition for stations, particularly offshore, to pull some sort of stunt on this day, each year. Announced station closures on the day, then at the last minute, an embarrassing transmitter breakdown, occurred on more than one occasion. One of the best, was back in the mid - seventies, when Mi Amigo opened up on 1st April as Radio Veronica, complete with jingles etc. Another was when South Coast Radio in Cork, opened as Radio Caroline, in 1983, complete with jingles etc., and Dutch disc jockey, Hertz van Rental (Tony Allan). A third springs to mind, a couple of years ago, when Radio Nova announced tests in AM stereo. We were all fooled (us included)!

A Happy Birthday to Radio Caroline who celebrates 23 years (apart from a couple of breaks from '68 till '72 and '80 till '83) of broadcasting on 28th March....Here's hoping for Many Happy Returns..

For a very modest sum each week, you can avail of **Weekly Report and Cuttings**. The costs are as follows....Second Class (U.K. only), 30p, First Class (U.K. only) and to all EEC countries, including Eire, 35p, non - EEC countries (Sweden etc.), 40p, elsewhere (via Air Mail), 50p. Subscriptions will be accepted for as many weeks as required. Subscription and merchandise list queries, please telephone (0253) 882017 (Office hours). From this coming weekend, an **Anoraks U.K. Info - Line** will be operational. The number will be (0795) 510764. The message on tape will have major news up dates between reports. There will be no one there to speak to you and no messages about subscriptions or sales material must be left.

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** Nothing again! This is terrible! A quick mention for those who may have missed it first time around....Cuttings to accompany Weekly Reports 1 to 49, are now available. These total 108 x B4 sheets. We have split them into three parcels of 36 sheets. Parcel A....The Irish station raids era, Parcel B....The return of Caroline in August '83 and Parcel C....Caroline, Laser and Irish press reports, since, and up to "WR" Issue 50 (14th April '85). The prices.... £3.50 per each parcel, or £10.00 for all three parcels....We still have copies of the **World Radio and TV Handbook 1987** in stock. Published once a year (and containing a year's worth of reading!!). This book is an essential item for any DX -er. The cost is £17.95, the same as bookshops, but we make no further charge for postage and packing. Get your copy by return of post, and save having to wait whilst your bookshop places a special order.....Finally, slight confusion as arisen as to whether or not we have the single, **"Caroline" by The Fortunes**, in stock. The answer is yes! We have both the original version (1964), the cost of which is £5.00, and the 'new' version from 1971, the cost of this one being £3.50. We are expecting further copies of "Man of Action" by Les Reed Orchestra shortly. Watch this space!

**NEW ARRIVALS.** **NOW RADIO, Issue 23**, arrived on schedule, and as forecast, contained features on Caroline's 23rd birthday, Radio Radar in Leeds and WLNG in Scunthorpe. It also has all the latest ILR and BBC news, and a review of the recent Green Paper on Broadcasting, by Paul Rusling. For a sample copy of this A5 publication, send £1.00 to Now Radio Communications, P.O. Box 45, Kettering NN15 0NW..... **PLAY - DX**, No. 454 is now available, and lists all the latest

unusual logs and news on both MW and SW. Printed all in Italian, this weekly, A4, 6 page newsheet, is available from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy....**Media Monitor** No. 48, has 20 x A5 pages of both legal and clandestine news, schedules and logs. A sample copy can be obtained from Roger Tidy, 11 St. Philip House, Lloyd Baker Street, London WC1X 9BA..... **FRS GOES DX**, edition no. 57, arrived this week, and has lots of offshore, and shortwave news in its 16 x A5 pages. For a sample copy, contact F.R.S Holland, P.O. Box 41, 7700 AA Dedemsvaart, The Netherlands..... **Radiotelex** Issue 95, is now available, and is a two weekly publication specialising in shortwave free radio stations. It has a complete log of the stations heard, during the previous two weeks, as well as news about those stations. A sample copy is obtainable from us, for 40p, along with subscription details, available only from Radiotelex, c/o Duempter Strasse 6, D-4100 Duisberg 12, West Germany..... Finally, we received **CM Leisure**, Spring 1987. This is an A5 booklet of CM merchandise for sale. Pages of records and videos are featured, along with the usual free radio memorabilia. Subscribers will receive their free copy with the next issue of the CM Bulletin, but should anyone wish for a copy before then, send a stamped self addressed C4 (to fit an A5 magazine) envelope to the Caroline Movement, BCM - BRFM, London WC1N 3XX.

**TAPE OFFER.** It's American week once again, with recordings of two current radio stations in Chicago. Tape 37 features a 'drive' show, on **WRXR - FM**, which is a 'classic rock oldies' station with very little chat. WRXR claim not to play the same record twice, within a 24 hour period. (Didn't Radio Caroline have that motto a couple of years ago?). Tape 38 is also a 'drivetime'



programme, but on WFYR - FM, which is an 'adult contemporary' station. As normal, both recordings are on a C-90 cassette and cost £2.00 each.

**GENERAL. AIR RAID TAPES.** We are pleased to report that we are currently in the process of sorting out the affairs of same. Hopefully, within the next couple of weeks, everyone should receive the tapes they originally ordered, or a credit note, if they subscribed to either Air Raid News or Radio-Activity. We apologise for the delay on our part, but must point out that this 'winding - up' process had to be carried out after A-UK business had been dealt with, each day, and took longer than we had originally anticipated. Please feel free to contact us with any queries regarding the above.

**WEEKLY REPORT.** All news etc., in our sheet may be re-produced in any magazine, or on any radio show, as long as credit is given to the A - UK organisation.

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FUND RAISING PROMOTIONS OFFICE SUPERVISOR

The forthcoming Caroline Movement Convention. To be held on the 15th August at the Bloomsbury Crest Hotel in Central London, this convention looks set to be extremely successful. Would - be exhibitors and visitors alike should bombard CM central office for full details, in order to be in good time. Their address is to be found above.

**WANTED.** "Beefeater" by Johnny Dankworth, single, or cassette copy will do....contact with details, Justin Boag, 25 Adelaide House, Crosley - Wood Road, Gilstead, Bingley, West Yorkshire BD16 4QF.

**WANTED.** Communications receiver, any type considered, will pay up to £100....contact John L. Flowers, on (0775) 840445.

**FOR SALE.** Pye Broadcast Transmitter (VHF 0 - 150w.), in working order, but no crystal available. Recently advertised in the region of £550, our price, just £400 or nearest offer....for further details, telephone (061) 428 5475 and ask for Stuart. (Please note, it is an offence to operate a transmitter in the U.K., without a Wireless Telegraphy Licence).

**JINGLES.** Wavelength Productions of P.O. Box 5, Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 5AU are offering professionally made jingles. Send for details or enclose £1 for demo tape (refundable with first order).

Patrick Szaj of Philadelphia Str. 12/6, Box 5, 2030 Antwerp, Belgium has facilities for producing jingles and commercials for free radio station operators. In return he asks for a show on a free radio station. Further details obtainable from Patrick.

**RADIO STATION NEWS.** Logs, reports, information, etc., can be telephoned in, but remember the cost of calls these days. It is far better, and cheaper to write to us, with the information, unless of course the news is 'HOT'!

**IRELAND. DUBLIN. Q - 102** were operating another competition during the past week, but this time it was held

out in the streets, with Brian Jennings, rather than over the telephone. They were giving away 10 National Lottery tickets to those who answer the question 'What station do you listen to', with the answer "I listen to Q102 all the time". Mike Hogan continues to announce the results of his lottery 'syndicate', whilst up in the 'Eye in the Sky', which occurs during his second link, at around 08:45.

**Sunshine/Hot Hits 101.** The station was heard giving away £1,000 to the lucky telephone subscriber who answered the phone with 'the real phrase that pays'. However, a further promo was heard, stating that they would like to tell you about the winner of the £10,000, but could not, due to it not yet having been won! The promo went on to say that it was going to happen very soon, and not to forget what to say when you answered the phone.

**Energy 103** were still boasting the biggest cash giveaways in Europe during the week, but on Thursday were noted having problems with their 738kHz. transmitter, which kept cutting out for seconds. The weather, of course, was deteriorating at this time, and may have been the cause.

On listening to Gerry Byrne on Radio Dublin during the week, it appears that the station has a new telephone number. It is Dublin (01) 536644, and presumably replaces the listed one. Announced frequencies were 1188kHz.AM, 6910kHz.SW, 105 and 100MHz.FM.



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Congratulations to Community Radio Fingal (CRF), who celebrate their 5th birthday, 28th March, the same day as Radio Caroline celebrate 23 years in the business. The station were announcing, during the week, that they were having a party for the event.

**Co. CARLOW.** Chris Walsh announced during his programme on Carlow Local Radio, on 18th March, that the station would have their new and more powerful transmitter in operation. on 1359kHz., in about two weeks time.. They then, hope to reach lots of listeners in the Dublin area (what about Tallaght Community Radio, who are apparently re - equipping their studios?), and cover the whole of Leinster.

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Radio

1359 KHZ \* 91.8 FM



**Co. WEXFORD.** **Radio Annabel** was on the air again over the St. Patrick's Bank Holiday weekend, operating from New Ross. This time, however, the station was heard on FM only, around about 92.7MHz., from Friday 13th March, until the evening of 17th. Lots of free radio and offshore radio tapes were aired, as well as several recorded shows and some live announcements as well. The signal was picked up over a radius of 12-15 miles. The power was in the region of 50 watts. It is not certain if the station will be on at Easter, as one of the operators will be out of the country at the time. All reception reports will be answered, we are told, by writing to Annabel, c/o P.O. Box 39, Waterford, Eire. Ours thanks to Riverside's Joe Vincent for the above two items.

**Co. LOUTH.** Moving just one channel to 1197kHz., we decided to monitor **Telstar Community Radio**, from Dundalk. The station is much more professional now than it used to be and must have proved to be great competition to Radio Carousel, when they used to broadcast from that town. Announcing 1197kHz.AM and 88.5MHz.FM, the station boasts new jingles and seems to put the emphasis on just 'Telstar' now. Lots of adverts were noted and a good news service operated on the hour. The music format was quite relaxed and seemed noticeably dull after listening to the big Dublin stations, although having said this, it certainly seems to have a very large following.

**Boynesside Radio.** Their 101.2MHz. Northern Ireland relay is reported from Belfast as being noticeably stronger and with better audio quality. Modifications to the aerial tower and UHF links are thought to be the reasons behind this. However, later in the week, the signal seemed to deteriorate in certain areas, perhaps due to a more directional signal.

**Co. CAVAN.** According to Don Allen, on today's **Radio West Free Radio Show**, in order to advertise their new telephone promotion, **Cavan Community Radio** presenters are wandering around Cavan Town, dressed up as monkeys, handing out leaflets, telling people to answer their telephone with 'I listen to CCR, the big one'. £50 is at stake for repeating this phrase when answering.

**Co. DONEGAL.** **Donegal Community Radio (DCR)** seem to be shifting their FM transmitter frequency around to find the best channel. They started off on 106.0MHz, earlier in the week, then moved to 101.0MHz, and now seem to have settled on 99.8MHz. Their MW frequency remains as 945kHz. **North West Community Radio (NWCR)** have also altered one of their FM channel recently, to 96.0MHz. Their additional MW outlet on 1134kHz, has not been heard at our locational for a few days now, but their main transmitter on 1116kHz is still operating as normal.

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** If you thought that our friends on the North Sea have had it rough, then read this report from Mike Davies and Neil Armstrong. Following a rather eventful trip to Ashdod on 19th February, when, apparently everything imaginable went wrong, the ship returned to the high seas and commenced broadcasting, the presenters not realising that their problems had only just started.

Early March saw some of the roughest weather ever experienced in the Eastern Mediterranean. In particular, the 10th and 11th were very bad, with waves breaking over the ship, which itself was pitching and tossing alarmingly. Programmes were extremely difficult to present and during the roughest spells, the Compact Disc system came into it's own and was used extensively. The FM transmitter (no AM broadcasts at present) had a spell of switching itself off, but always managed to come back on. The seas finally calmed down on the 12th and a replacement tender arrived (the original tender sank in the Marina, conditions were that bad!). This tender, the first for nearly two weeks, brought supplies, along with an engineer and cook, and a new presenter, Steve Richards.

By Friday 13th, the weather got even worse, and the captain stated that the seas were the roughest he had seen in his seven years aboard. Abie went live via his 'Motorola' system, and told listeners that the ship was in great danger and was likely to get washed up on the beach like the Norderney had in 1973. No one went to bed that Friday night/Saturday morning, for fear of the ship sinking. Non stop pre-recorded music continued to be played, as it was impossible to even think about presenting shows, but all the time, the station remained on the air, which was a great achievement. A full report and story will appear in either Offshore Echo's or our new magazine.

**LASER HOT HITS 576.** A strong heterodyne whistle was noted on the station's frequency, just before dusk last Sunday. On checking with a sensitive receiver, the off - channel operator appeared to be on 574/5kHz. On listening carefully, a bit later to the low modulation and music content, it seemed as though the off channel signal was probably from a 500kW station in the Soviet Union, located at Riga (according to the 1987 World Radio-TV Handbook). No doubt Laser will get the blame for this, despite it being someone else's faulty transmitter, as according to the authorities, it is only the transmitters of so called 'illegal' operators, which can develop faults. Did anyone else notice this? The heterodyne had gone, when we tried on the following night, Monday, so presumably, the fault on the foreign transmitter had been corrected. Laser were once again missing on Monday morning, when we first tuned in at about 07:30. They returned at some point between 10:30 and 11:30, with Paul Jackson. Following D.L. Bogart, at 16:00 on Monday, two D.J.'s joined together, to present the 'going home show'. They were John 'Rock n'Roll' Anthony, and Jim Perry. Both had also been heard presenting a similar programme, last Saturday and Sunday, 21st and 22nd March. Presumably these shows at least give all the disc jockeys some air time, during the days when the station is off for long periods, and also due to them closing early at night. This sequence of programmes operated throughout the week, giving a lineup with approximate times as 06:00 Bill Reid...09:00 Paul Jackson...12:00 D.L. Bogart...16:00 Jim Perry and John 'Rock n'Roll' Anthony. The station apparently closed at around 18:00, on Tuesday and Wednesday, and has now been heard since the close on Wednesday. The reason for this is not known, although on Friday, the fact that they stayed off, was probably due to the extremely rough seas, which would have caused the low strung aerial to arc severely in any case. Some new adverts have been noted since Sunday, when D.L. Bogart returned to the ship. These include some for businesses in Clacton, as well as the promised AIDS awareness promotions, which are being sponsored by a condom manufacturer. News bulletins are still read by John Allen.

**CAROLINE.** The line-up continued the same during the early part of the week, with double shifts still having to be made by those on board. This gave the presenters times as 05:00 Mark Matthews...11:00 Dave James...13:00 Mark Warner...17:00 Dave James...21:00 Tim Shepherd...01:00 Closedown. The Dutch staff on board, still seem to be having fun running around making documentaries about life on board the Ross Revenge. Dave James mentioned on Thursday, that they were all now in the mess room, watching themselves on TV. On Friday morning, we tuned in just before 06:30 to hear an 'Overdrive' jingle. This was followed by Mark Matthews 'declaring war' on newsreader Steve Conway, resulting in the 06:30 news headlines being drowned out with music. During the news at 07:00, there were further noises and breaks, resulting in Steve almost going to pieces during each news item. Mentions of the Caroline 23rd Birthday Party, were also made during Friday, which was held on Saturday night, 28th March, starting at 21:00gmt. Mark said it would more of a music show, from the past 23 years, than an 'anorak' session, although on Saturday he announced that due to popular demand, some more embarrassing studio 'out-takes' were also to be featured. These were duly aired, including some rather amusing ones, where attempts to produce promotions for 'Viewpoint 963' were being made. The station left the air early on Friday night, prior to 20:30, during the severe storms. They were back on the air on Saturday morning, but went off at about 07:58gmt, during the Mark Warner show. Dave James opened the station up again at 10:00, but only briefly mentioned power problems, as the reason for the closedown. Tim Shepherd made a surprise daytime appearance at 13:00 on both Saturday and Sunday, as his normal 21:00 evening show, was being used on Saturday, as the 23rd Birthday Special. The latter commenced at 21:00 and although reception was 'ropey' here, it was better than normal, and numerous classic tracks were noted, along with old jingles, old adverts and a tape of 'bloopers'. A couple of adverts have been noted in the week, one for a Caroline Rock Show, on 2nd April, at the Kings Head, in High Street, Fulham, and the other for another Brighton Record Fair. Mark Matthews continues to produce promotions for the new records which are to be heard in the coming week.

Finally the problems with excessive side bands, on 558, mentioned a few weeks ago, now seems to have reduced somewhat, although in the South East are still rather large.



**LAND BASED STATIONS. MERSEYSIDE.** **Liverpool Pirate Radio (LPR)** were heard on Saturday, 28th March around lunchtime, on 1404kHz., and again today, about the same time. Their signal was fair, here in Blackpool, although modulation was not too high. They announced that they had been busy erecting a new aerial system, during the week. **Radio Merseywaves** on the other hand, announced that they had been unable to carry out repairs to their aerial system, during the week, and duly returned on Friday at 08:00, on the usual frequency of 1242kHz., on low power for the third weekend running. Luckily, low power to this station is 200/300 watts, and this is sufficient to provide a strong daylight signal to quite a wide area of North West England and North Wales, but even getting further afield to Southern Scotland, the Midlands and West Yorkshire. Announcements on the station this weekend say that the station has been voted No.1 in the U.K. There is little doubt that the station is currently, the number one, not only because of its strong signal, but also, its regularity, settled line - up and popular mixture of music and chat. Posters are apparently now available, although possibly not terribly large, as stamped, self-addressed envelopes are being requested for these. Hopefully, we shall be able to re-produce one of these next week. The address for the SAE is, as always, RMW (not the station name), 9 Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW.

Just re-capping for a moment, the station made the unusual move of being on air from 08:00 until 19:00 last Tuesday, in order to promote their 'Under 18's Night Out', this time, being held at the Moreton Youth Club. Although we have no first hand reports, it is understood to have been most enjoyable, and a complete full house, (yet again), and further 'Nights Out' are understood to be 'in the pipeline', possibly in Liverpool itself, next time.

On Friday morning, problems with severe storms playing havoc with the antenna, were reported on the air. The odd crackle was noted, from time to time, but despite announcements that the station may have to go off the air, if the aerial came down, they plodded on, and apart from a brief 'switch off' for checks, no transmission time was lost at all, which is quite remarkable.

Some staff change - arounds have been noted, and it was nice to hear one or two of the presenters, normally only heard at night, during the daytime. Many plugs are given during broadcasts, to presenter's night time gigs, and knowing the listenership of the station, feel that promoters will be well satisfied with results.

Once again, the report is being written earlier than normal, and it is not known at this stage, whether station owner, Burt Williams, will 'address the nation' this Sunday afternoon, or not. Rumours that a record company has plans to issue 'the Best of Burt Williams' satire, on disc, are thought to be an April Fool's Day hoax, although in fairness, A-UK have discussed the possibility of producing such a cassette containing some of Burt's classic 'funnies'. We have quite a lot on tape, but would like to hear from anyone who may have some, as well.

Dave Collins will now begin presenting his breakfast show, one hour earlier, at 07:00, on Fridays and Mondays. This is due to the fact that most people are already on their way to work, at the old 08:00 starting time, and miss his show. He will now be on air for three hours. Weekend times are unaffected.

**Radio Merseyland** were heard today, on a slightly higher frequency than usual, 1422kHz. The signal strength and audio were similar to previous week's broadcasts.

According to Tim Jackson, local scribe on the free radio scene, **Radio Julie** were loud and clear last weekend, on Saturday and Sunday, on 104.8MHz., although were not audible here, unlike a couple of weeks ago, when the reverse happened. It is thought that different antenna sites and aerial positions are the cause of this. We have also been assured that the station is on again this weekend, and have actually heard it live, down the telephone, but once again, are unable to receive it. Tim logged nothing other than what we reported on in last week's issue.

**MANCHESTER.** Reports indicate that **Sunshine FM** was received locally last Sunday, (22nd), on 92MHz., with a test broadcast. Announcements indicated that the station planned to be on the air today (29th), but as yet, we have received no reports of same.

**YORKSHIRE/HUMBERSIDE.** Yet another station has been noted in this region, calling itself **Ocean Sound**, and

broadcasting with low power of only 4 watts, on around 106MHz. The station was heard on both Sunday night and Monday night, with the Sunday broadcast apparently being only a test transmission. An address was given out as c/o KKHR Radio, 4 Milton Court, Swinton, South Yorkshire S64 8RE. In Leeds, **Music City Radio** were only heard in mono last weekend, and so far have not been heard with their usual evening transmissions during the week. **WLNG** were noted on the air, on Tuesday night on the usual frequency of 104.9MHz. The audio on the signal, was reported to be much clearer this week.

**THE MIDLANDS.** Just two stations heard there today, **Radio PCRL** on 103.55MHz., who have been noted off and on a bit this week, and also **Wrekin Radio**, on 105.0MHz.

**GLASGOW.** **Radio Mercury** were late on the air last Sunday, and were not noted until 15:05gmt. Apparently this late appearance was due to their aerial being stolen whilst not broadcasting, during the past 2 weeks. Later on in this broadcast, battery acid leaked into the transmitter which caused severe damage, resulting in non-appearance of the station this week. They hope to start a half hour 'Anorak' show the next time they are on the air. This will be presented by Bob Mackie and will feature news and stories, old and new. **Neon Radio** were heard after 13:00 today, on 97.85MHz. They gave out an address of P.O. Box 11, Johnstone, Renfrewshire.

**LONDON AREA.** Reports at hand so far this week, tell us that heard today, have been....**RJR**, on 89.9MHz., **Rock to Rock**, on 90.2MHz., **RFM**, on 90.2MHz., **TKO**, on 90.6MHz., **LWR**, on 92.1MHz., **Studio One**, on 92.8MHz., **Solar**, on 93.0MHz., **KISS FM**, on 93.9MHz., **TIME FM**, on 103.7MHz., **JBC**, on 104.7MHz., **LGR**, on 105.0MHz. and another Greek station, presumably **GCR**, on 105.4MHz. Additionally, other stations reported heard in the earlier part of the week, include....**Starpont**, on 94.3MHz. and a station calling itself **SKY**, on 91.6MHz., playing reggae music. The latter is possibly the same station as Niceness mentioned last week.

**ESSEX.** **Radio Activity** has returned to the airwaves on 104.8MHz., after a break of about six weeks. They can now be heard once again, every Sunday from 15:00 until 19:00 BST. The announced contact address is APR, 1391 London Road, Leigh - on - Sea, Essex SS9 2SA.

**BRISTOL.** Robin in Bristol (aged only 11 !) tells us that after reading his elder brother's "WR" (well done, lad!), he wonders why there is no news from Bristol. He then goes on to give us some !.....A free radio station appeared on the airwaves back in the beginning of September, calling itself, "**103.5FM**". They were first noted on 6th September 1986, in the early Sunday evening. After some problems, the station made fairly regular appearances, even as recent as Wednesday 11th March. Presenters names are Baldrik, Lord Meltewt and Andy Chapman. Apparently, the station is, as they say, 'all over the band' in our correspondents area, which may mean that they are operating close by.

#### **SHORT WAVE STATIONS....LOG FOR SUNDAY.**

**6206kHz....4FWS**, at 08:28gmt.

**6206kHz....UNID.(Holiday Radio?)**, at 09:50gmt.

**6206kHz....RADIO PRIVAAT**, at 11:42gmt.

**6225kHz....RADIO PAMELA**, at 11:34gmt.

**6226kHz....UNID.(Sud West Radio?)**, at 09:13gmt.

**6240kHz....RADIO RAINBOW**, at 11:06gmt.

**6268kHz....RADIO ORION**, at 08:28gmt.

**6280kHz....WESTSIDE RADIO**, at 11:22gmt.

**6286kHz....RADIO NOORDERZON (NDZ)**, at 09:20gmt.

**6297kHz....RADIO NOVA BELGIUM**, at 08:32gmt.

Conditions were very variable today, in fact, the stations in **BOLD**, which were logged by us, were quite strong at times, but at other times, little was audible, and we only logged Radio Rainbow from Ireland. The latter was heard airing a promotion advertising for prospective stations to hire its transmitting facilities on SW, 6240kHz. (500 watts), Medium Wave, 1521kHz. (1,000 Watts) and FM, 96.5MHz. The cost of this service is a mere £5.00 per hour.

Radio Noorderzon, despite being audible loud and clear, may not be spelt correctly. They did give out an address which we copied correctly, it was....NDZ, Postbus 1017, 2200 BA, Noordwijk, Holland.

Amendments to last week's log from, SSM, Podney R. Sixe, Stuart Dobson.... 6290kHz., Radio East Coast Commercial, at 12:07gmt., 6300kHz., Spectrum, at 11:02gmt., 6306kHz., Right Wing Radio, via Riverside Radio, at 12:24gmt., 6830kHz., UNID., at 12:45gmt.

Our thanks as always to all correspondents and callers.